



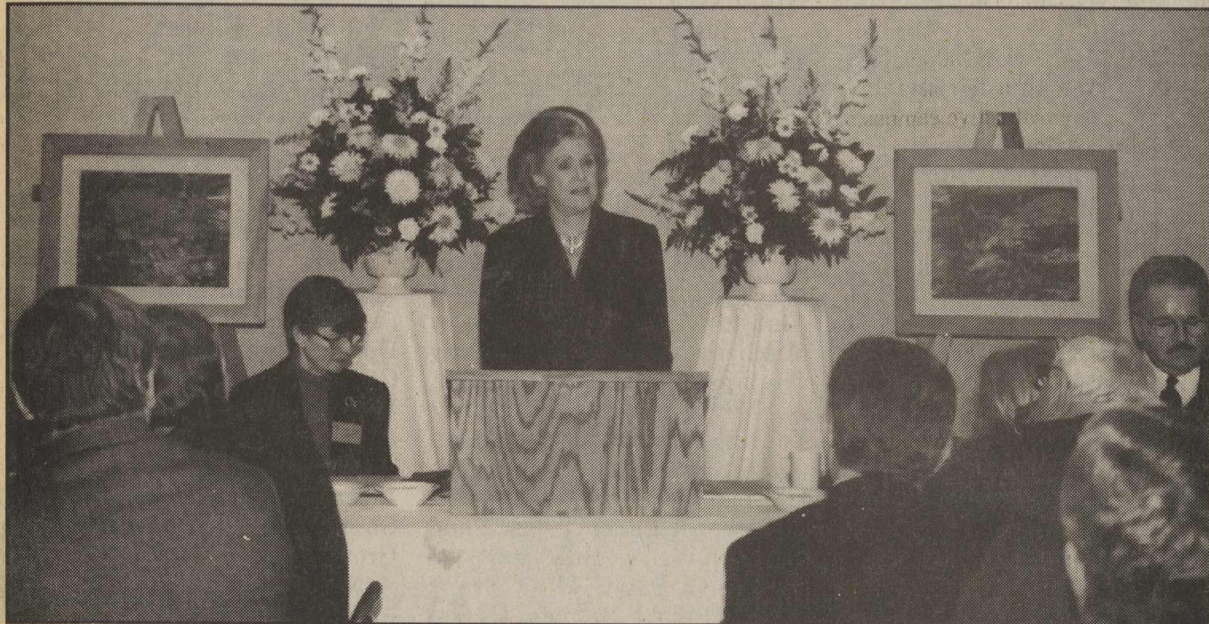
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Mrs. Pat Fordice discusses the "Splendors of Mississippi" project during a recent luncheon-meeting at East Central, where efforts are also under way to further beautify the Decatur campus.

Pace, Bullock named ECCC's HEADWAE honorees

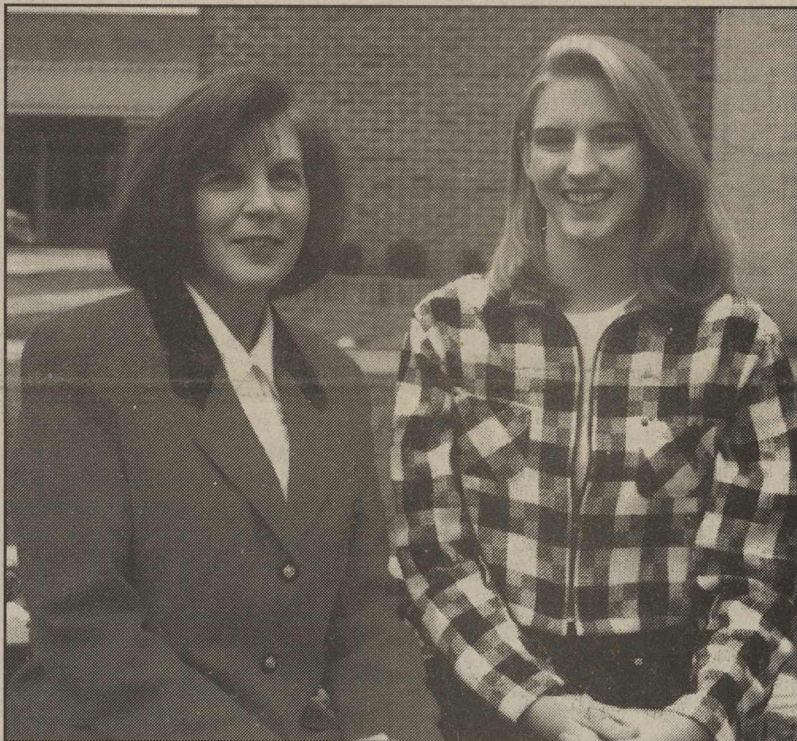
English instructor Virginia Pace and sophomore Emily Bullock, both of Decatur, were recently selected East Central Community College's outstanding HEADWAE faculty member and student for the 1997-98 College term.

The ECCC honorees will be recognized along with other representatives of the state's public and private colleges and universities during luncheon activities scheduled in Jackson on Feb. 17. A booklet featuring biographical sketches and photos of each honoree will be presented at the noon-day program.

Established in 1988, the annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working Toward Academic Excellence) program recognizes individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Pace has been a member of the ECCC faculty since 1991. In addition to teaching English courses, she serves as cheerleader coach and advisor for the campus newspaper, *The Tom-Tom*. Among honors Pace has received at East Central include her selection as a "Lampighter" in 1996 and Outstanding Humanities Instructor in 1995. The "Lampighter" award annually recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructor.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Pace served as English and speech instructor at Newton County Schools. She also taught English composition courses as a member of the ECCC adjunct faculty. In addition, Pace formerly served as English instructor at Sebastopol High School



English instructor Virginia Pace, left, and sophomore Emily Bullock, both of Decatur, who were selected East Central's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working Toward Academic Excellence) honorees for 1997-98. They will be recognized along with other representatives of the state's public and private institutions of higher learning during luncheon activities scheduled Feb. 17 in Jackson.

and was remedial reading/speech therapy instructor at Scott Central High School.

Pace is a member of the National and Mississippi Councils for Teachers of English. She is a past president of the Newton County Association of Educators and formerly served as chapter treasurer of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She currently serves on the Board of

Directors for the Miss Meridian and the Miss New South Scholarship Pageants. She also serves as a volunteer for the annual State Games of Mississippi and participates in activities involving support for St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis.

She is a graduate of Scott Central High School, East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in English/speech and a master's in English education.

She is married to Sammy Pace, athletic director and women's basketball coach at East Central. They have two daughters, Amy Pace Pittman of Hattiesburg and Jennifer Pace, an ECCC freshman.

Bullock, whose major is psychology, is a President's List scholar and currently has a 3.8 grade point average. She was named to the National Dean's List and is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. In addition, she was named outstanding transfer student from a two-year college by the College Board's 1997-98 Talent Roster of Community College Program (TRCC).

She is a member of the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band, Mu Alpha Theta, President's Council, Warrior Corps and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. She serves as president of the ECCC Players and is a former member of the College's Concert Choir.

Among honors Bullock has received include her selection as best supporting actress for the ECCC dinner theater production of *Rumors* and the spring musical, *Mame*.

Her career goal is to be involved in clinical research at a university.

A graduate of Newton County High School, she is the daughter of L. B. and Ann Bullock of Decatur.

Pat Fordice, ECCC promote campus beautification

Efforts to further beautify the East Central Community College campus got the endorsement of First Lady Pat Fordice who is leading her own charge to make Mississippi a more attractive state when thousands of anticipated visitors come for the "Splendors of Versailles" exhibit in April.

Mrs. Fordice was a special guest of the College during a recent luncheon meeting attended by ECCC alumni, administrators, city officials and other invited guests who are developing a comprehensive plan to make ECCC an even more attractive campus.

Prior to the meeting, College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith led visitors on a tour of the campus, highlighting areas to be landscaped and where new construction projects are scheduled. A new Student Services/Student Union building will be built on the west side of the Decatur campus, and a new women's dormitory, Erma Lee Barber Hall, is planned on the South Campus.

Dr. Smith said the campus beautification project is actually an ongoing effort to make East Central "one of the most attractive campuses" in the state. "We all take great pride in the appearance of the College and look forward to working with various concerns to further beautify the campus," he said.

Leading the campus beautification project are alumni, the Rev. Jane Todd Gurry of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Dr. Joe Todd

of Cincinnati, Ohio, whose late father, Dr. L.O. Todd, served as ECCC President from 1934-53. Both are strong supporters of the College and frequent visitors to the Decatur campus.

"We wondered if there was a way to begin a project to bring trees back," said the Rev. Gurry. "I am glad to see East Central is doing that, which fits right into Mrs. Fordice's plan. The long-term effect of the 'Splendors of Versailles' is that wildflowers will come back again and again.

Dr. Todd added, "My dad believed everybody should be a farmer. Things are entirely different now from what they were then. Erosion has been turned around because there used to be nothing but red clay across the hills."

Also attending the luncheon meeting were local landscape architect Johnny Thorne, along with Larry Pardue, executive director, and Bob Brzuszek, senior curator, of the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, who are providing assistance with the campus beautification project. The Arboretum is known as the premier environmental education center of the Gulf South.

In continuing her remarks, Mrs. Fordice stated, "Company is coming to Mississippi in 1998 and we need the College's help and the help of all Mississippians to make this a memorable occasion."

The much anticipated "Splend-

dors of Versailles" exhibit, scheduled April 1 through Aug. 31, will showcase royal treasures from the reigns of French kings Louis XIV through Louis XVI and comes on the heels of the "Palaces of St. Petersburg" exhibit which helped establish Jackson as an international art center. Mrs. Fordice was named "Mississippi's Outstanding Philanthropist" in 1996, partially for her efforts in bringing the "Palaces" exhibit to the state.

As part of the state's beautification and clean-up efforts, referred to as the "splendors of Mississippi" project, Mrs. Fordice made her recommendations on how Mississippi should showcase itself.

"We want highways, college campuses, businesses and front yards to be decorated with beautiful yellow wildflowers and bedding plants. We chose yellow for the 'Sun King' Louis XV, and the Department of Transportation agreed to plant wildflowers at 17 entrances into the state. They've already planted 50 acres in seeds throughout the Newton District, along the route of the Welcome Center on I-20 and near the Meridian airport," Mrs. Fordice said.

Alumni and others interested in making contributions regarding the College's campus beautification project may contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Ph 635-2111, ext. 323.

ECCC to offer state's first Gerontology Program

East Central has been approved to offer the state's first associate degree gerontology program, announced College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Dr. Smith said the two-year technical program begins with the 1998-99 term.

The College was earlier notified it has met requirements to offer the new program by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Technical Education.

John Adcock, ECCC District Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction, said the College became interested in adding gerontology - the study of the physical, psychological and social aspects of the aging - to its curriculum for various reasons.

"The older population continues to be the fastest growing age group in the nation, and a growing demand has been created for services to the elderly. The practice of gerontology promotes independence and self-reliance in older adults," Adcock said.

He added, "A gerontology specialist assists the elderly through referral, advocacy, counseling and case management. Students who complete the four-semester program gain traditional classroom knowledge and practical work experience through supervised internships."

Adcock said a need also exists in East Central's five-county district to offer the unique program.

"A survey was conducted at area businesses and industries which revealed that 32 projected openings would be available in gerontology during the current fiscal year with an estimated 141 openings available by 2001. An interest survey was also taken at district high schools which indicated that 144 students are interested in pursuing a career in gerontology. Gerontology is an area that is projected to experience phenomenal growth, thereby enhancing employment opportunities for this area,"

Adcock said.

Students enrolled in the program will take courses including Social Gerontology, Human Services for the Elderly, Social Work with the Elderly, Social Policy and Aging, Activities Programming for the Elderly, Aging and Mental Health and Aging and Physical Health. To complete degree requirements, students are also required to complete courses in such areas as communications skills, social and behavioral sciences, mathematics, humanities, fine arts, biological and physical science and other courses related to the technology.

The gerontology classroom and lab will be located on the College's South Campus.

Adcock said various employment opportunities are available for stu-

dents who complete the program. Gerontology specialists can be found working with seniors in community centers, social service agencies, home health care, adult day care, recreation and activity centers, extended care facilities, congregate and group homes, nutrition projects and retirement communities.

He added gerontology technology graduates will qualify for such positions as outreach workers, activity personnel, gerontology assistants, senior specialists and case managers.

Additional information for students interested in a career in gerontology may be obtained by contacting the vocational-technical counselor's office at East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, phone 635-2111, ext. 214.

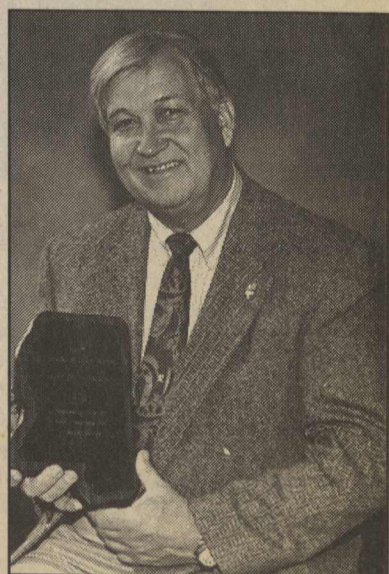
Harris named 'Teacher of the Year' by council

Dr. Shelby Harris, longtime math instructor at East Central, was recently named College Division "Teacher of the Year" for 1997 by the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Dr. Harris, who also serves as Chairman of the College's Math Division, was presented the prestigious honor at the organization's annual general session recently held in Jackson.

Dr. Harris is an active member of MCTM, and has served the past five years as co-chairman of the association's annual State Junior High Mathematics Contest held each spring semester on the ECCC campus.

In addition, Dr. Harris previously served the Council as junior college representative, and held the position of treasurer for 12 years. Dr. Harris



Dr. Shelby Harris

has been a member of the ECCC faculty since 1963.

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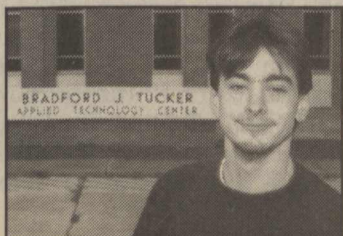
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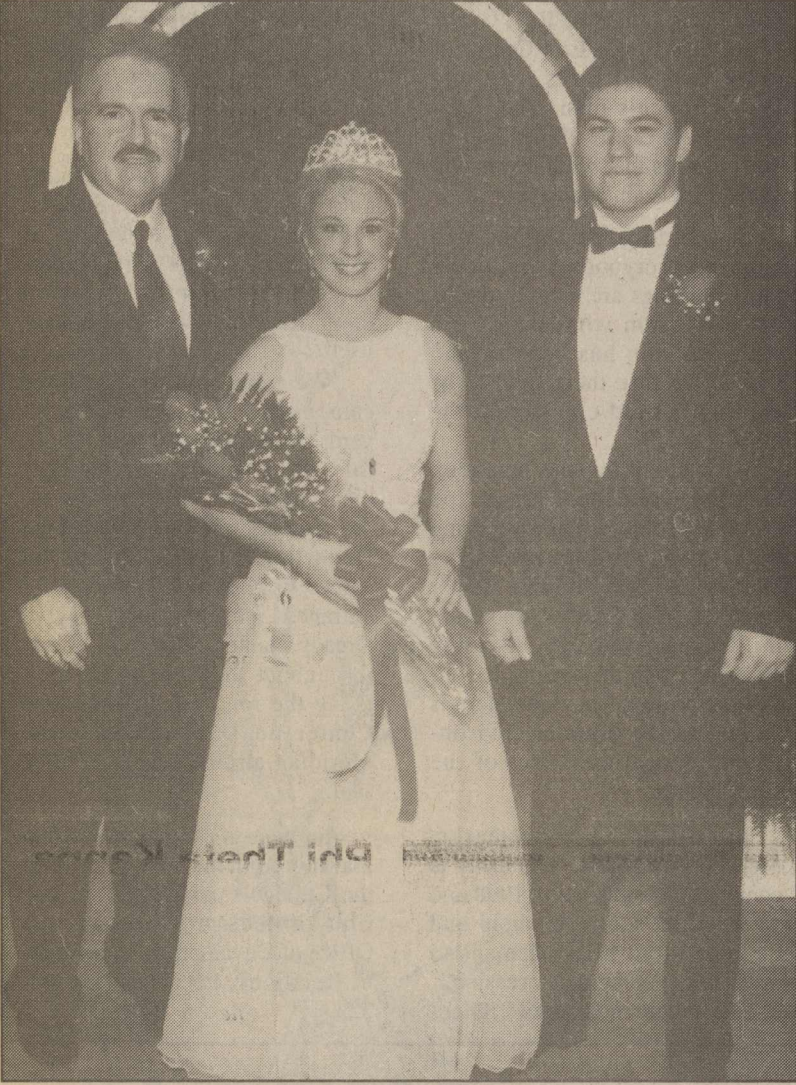
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ECCC beauties, beaus

Beauties and beaus selected for 1997-98 include (from left) Amy Gomillion, Walnut Grove; Davis Fulton, Philadelphia; Courtney Wilcher, Edinburg; Hunter Ives, Heather Munn (most beautiful) and David Hollingsworth (most handsome), all of Newton, Dan Gressett, Lake; Danna Dye, Morton; Zach Sanders, Philadelphia; and Krisan Risher, Sebastopol. The annual pageant was held in Huff Auditorium. State Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton served as master of ceremonies.



Most Beautiful

Sophomore Heather Munn of Newton was selected Most Beautiful at East Central during pageant activities held in Huff Auditorium. Munn, a pre-nursing major, is a graduate of Newton High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munn. Named Most Handsome is David Hollingsworth, also of Newton, who was chosen for the honor by a vote of the student body. Hollingsworth, whose major is drafting and design technology, is a graduate of Newton County Academy. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. David K. Hollingsworth, Sr. College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, shown with the distinguished couple, presented a bouquet of roses to each beauty in addition to crowning ECCC's Most Beautiful for the 1997-98 term.



Learning center assistants

Michelle Lee (left) of Decatur and Jackie Taylor of Morton were recently selected full-time lab assistants in the East Central Community College Learning Skills Center. The Learning Skills Center provides one-on-one tutoring and computer assisted training in math, English, reading and various other courses. Lee and Taylor are responsible for assisting students in the lab and recruiting peer tutors. The College was able to acquire the full-time tutors through AmeriCorps' Campus Link. Campus Link is an initiative that places AmeriCorps members on college campuses to recruit student volunteers to provide educational support. Mary Hanson serves as Director of the Learning Skills Center. For more information contact Hanson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur Miss. 39327, Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 329.

ECCC has record spring enrollment

A record spring enrollment of 1960 students has been reported at East Central, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research. McMullan said the record spring total represents a 12 percent increase, or 205 students, compared to same period in 1997 when 1755 students registered for spring classes. Included in the record enrollment are 870 academic full-time students, 406 technical full-time students and 85 vocational full-time students. Of the 1960 students, 537 are enrolled in evening classes. Last fall East Central experienced an all-time record enrollment of 2052 students who registered for day ad evening classes in Decatur and various locations throughout the College's five-county district. East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton and Winston counties. For additional information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 206.

The true meaning of Valentine's Day

By TAMI PHILLIPS
The Tom Tom

As that wondrous, romantic, expensive holiday known as Valentine's Day approaches once again, many lovers are left with an empty wallet. However, many others are left with a void in their heart. It seems that the true meaning of Valentine's Day has diminished. Instead of concentration on the things that really matter such as love, trust and stability, many of us tend to view Valentine's Day as a strictly commercially invented holiday. Material goods have replaced moments of tenderness and compassion. The romance of yesteryear has gone down hill. Who in their right mind would turn down a diamond ring in exchange for a love poem anyway? In today's society the phrase "I Love You" is almost meaningless. It is used very casually by many people who have been dating for a mere two weeks. Not only do I find this expression shallow and insensitive, but I consider it to be a big factor in the demoralization of Valentine's Day. In my opinion, love is the building of something greater than two people could have built separately. unconditionally and completely. True love means doing anything for the person, even dying for them. So stop and ponder over the true meaning of love this Valentine's Day, and if possible express this love to someone special. And for those who have not yet discovered love, keep in mind that it is just too cold in February for a little guy with an arrow and darts!



ECCC announces fall semester honor roll

Students named to the 1997 fall semester honor roll, including the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention list, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records, and research. Those students listed on the President's List with a 4.0 grade point average include the following: NESHOBA COUNTY: Donnie Atkinson, Candice Beason, Paula Crawford, Brandi Duncan, John Fitzgerald, Davis Fulton, James Jenkins, Tony Lilly, Ragan Mitchell, Sara Prim, Kristopher Robertson, Priscilla Sanders, Natalie Smith, Mary Warren and Johnanne Willis, all of Philadelphia. NEWTON COUNTY: Jacqueline Amerson, Emily Bullock, Detra Carter, Jeremy Chaney, Marci Hollingsworth and Christine Pearce, all of Decatur; Deanna Bankston, Kimberly Burton, Lisa Chesney, Jennifer McDaniel, Kevin McMahan, Leslie Nelson, Rebecca Owen and Susan Staton, all of Union; Stephanie Bugg, Lee Eady and Ashaki McCoy, all of Lawrence; Mary Crocker, Janet Harrison and Pamela Luke, all of Little Rock; Clifton Curry and Tommy Mize, both of Newton; Cody Fisher and Robert Wall, both of Conehatta; and Jeffrey Hansford, Hickory. LEAKE COUNTY: Timothy Boles, Marcus Ellis, Amy Gomillion and Natasha Taylor, all of Walnut Grove; Davy Coleman, Donnie Fletcher, Ginger Greer, Jonathan Grice, James Ingram, Jimmie Lepard, Benita Madden, Amanda Moore, Annessa Potts, Lisa Price, Stacy Sturdivant, Justin Thornton and Brandon Tucker, all of Carthage; and Casey Lewis, Madden. SCOTT COUNTY: Candice Butler, Jacob Jenkins, Robin Jennings, Rose McDonald and Ashlea Renfro, all of Morton; Elizabeth Owens and George Parks, both of Lake; Joyce Crudup, K. C. Patrick, Kimberly Sharpe, Brian Shaw, Natasha Smith, Christopher Thompson, Suzanne Warren and Jessica Wright, all of Forest; Michelle Eason, Krisan Risher and Nonya Shaw, all of Sebastopol; Donald Faulkner of Hillsboro; and Scicile Wilkerson of Pulas-ki. WINSTON COUNTY: Rhonda Alewine, Laura Faulk, Michael Hathorn, Dorothy Holdiness, Felesha Martin, Patricia Robertson, Michelle Robertson and Gabriel Watts, all of Louisville; Stacy Carter, Ginger Moore, Susan Perkins and Leslie Swindle, all of Noxapater. LAUDERDALE COUNTY: Audrie Archie, Brad Creel, Murray Smyth, of Meridian. CLARKE COUNTY: John Donovan, Stonewall. ATTALA COUNTY: Jessica Jordan, Kosciusko. The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average: NEWTON COUNTY: Kelly Alexander, Little Rock; Amanda Brashear, Lisa Cleveland, Kristi Conrad, Carla Ezelle, Stephanie Joyner, Michael Lee, Keekee Michael, Amanda Miles, Richard Rea, Rhett Rivers, Billy Singleton, Celeste Staton and Kenneth Thrash, all of Union; Katie Brown and Jennifer Lathem, both of Conehatta; Raland Burks, Hickory; Derek Burton, Genise Campbell, Amy Dellaria, Dennis Evans, Quiana Green, Kimberly Hollingsworth, Kristi Jones, Michelle Lee, Jennifer Pace, Jade Parkes and Adria Stamper, all of Decatur; Julie Clanton, Stephen May and Teresa Walker, all of Lawrence; Stephanie Craig, Lori Darsey, Latrecia Johnson and Marissa McGee, all of Hickory; Lori Ferguson and Candace Oliver both of Little Rock; Holly Hamrick, Danna Jones, Jermaie Jones, Malinda Melton, Sonji Thomas, Ronnie Thrash and Jason Williams, all of Newton. NEWTON COUNTY: Jennifer Alford, William Anderson, Lorenzo Bell, Baron Burkes, Amanda Burt, Mark Fleming, David Gilmer, Crystal Lewis, Justin Long, Millie Mathis,

James McCoy, Dennis McDill, Bobby Morrow, Kimberly Nicholson, Krystal Nowell, Andrea Robertson, Tina Salter, Zachary Sanders, Keyla Seward, Phillip Smith, Terry Smith, Vincent Spencer, Kim Stewart, Jarrod Taylor, Pachasis Thompson, Autumn Townsend, Wendy Tulos, Jennifer Turner, Penny White, Amy Williamson, Tarita Williamson, Jason Willis and Catherine York, all of Philadelphia. SCOTT COUNTY: Ted Anthony, Danna Dye and Misty McCurdy, all of Morton; Cynthia Bout, Sebastopol; April Bowie, Tiffany Edwards, Wilma Faircloth, Joni French, Tasha Gad-dis, Christopher Haralson, Latoya Loper, Vickie McGee, Amanda McMillan, Timothy Mitchell, Frank Morgan, Judy Thompson, Sarah Whitesell, Ashley Williams and Darrell Young, all of Forest; Allison Crosby, Julie Laird, Erik Perozo and Laura Tadlock, all of Lake; Christopher Fuller, Palaski; and Bradford Walley, Hillsboro. LEAKE COUNTY: Stacy Baker, Shane Barnes, Gloria Brown, Jerry Gressett, Roger Henry, Harley Hollingsworth, Lana Kea, Keisha Latham, Betina Latiker, Kenneth McMillon, Jill Ray, Rebecca Sikes, Cheryl Stevens, Christopher Stewart, Donna Tucker, Madonna Watkins and Christy Wooten, all of Carthage; Ashley Byram, Jennifer Gunn, Sherry Moss, Amy Spears and Jessica Waggoner, all of Lena; Alicia Jordan, Kashona McCarty and Regena McCraw, all of Walnut Grove. WINSTON COUNTY: Kimberly Cistrunk, Cedric Coleman, Kamonica Craig, Melinda Eaves, Bridget Green, Clifford Gregory, Heather Jennings, Melvin Manus, Rosemary McArthur, Justin Miles, Laura Ming, Jeremy Nowell, Lucas Nowell, Ron Perkins, Willie Perry, Jeremy Rushing, Virginia Stokes, Bradley Sullivan, Natalie Vowell, Kelli Wall and Amber Woods, all of Louisville; and Janita Hornesburger, Kendall Hoskin and Kimberly Young, all of Noxapater. OUT OF DISTRICT LAUDERDALE: Kenneth Coulliette, Toomsaba; Lizanne Fowler, Meridian; Janine Learmonth, James Scarborough and Christopher Wallace, all of Collinsville. JASPER: Chonda Wheaton, Louin. ATTALA: Angie England, Sallis. HUMPREYS: Walter McLendon, Belzone. The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average: NEWTON COUNTY: Rebecca Addy, Leslee Carter, Karen Coffman, Terry Drew, Jacqueline Gardner, Mark Gillock, James Hansford, Melanie Harris, Tori Jordan, Natasha Mathis, Debra Miller, Percy Pearson, Jodene Rice, Betty Searcy, Kimberly Shaffer, Jeremy Smith, Sonya Smith, James Stephenson, Jeremy Turner, Charles Walker and Carla Woodall, all of Decatur; Jerri Adkins, Mary Adkins, Catha Allison, Tracy Barnes, Dea Dolan, Crystal Germany, Cindy Goss, Christy Gross, Alethia Hitt, Jason Jones, Suzanne Jones, Lisa Nelson, Angela Patterson, Angie Rash, Charles Schellbach, Penny Sharp, Michelle Smith and Misty Smith, all of Union; Stephen Airhart, Tammy Crabtree, April Crocker, Bethany Laird, Janet McKee and Stephanie Spangler, all of Little Rock; Brandi Archie, Amy Clark, Darrell Embrey, Chas Evan and Crystal Pate, all of Chunky; Leslie Brackeen, Carrie Griffith, William Smith, Kristie Temple and Tamara Walker, all of Hickory; Crystal Chapman, Krystal Harrison, Brenda Holder, Valerie Jones, Maxim Lobentovick, Patricia Moore, Heather Munn, Sharon Nix, Kiwana Norman, Robin Overstreet, Lindy Pace, Mary Shelton, Patricia Snowden, Tamekia Surrell and Gregory Willis, all of Newton; Ryan Chickaway, Danny Haralson, Michelle Hillman, Hillary John-

son, Sandra Lampkin, Charles Ware and Tasha Wolverton, all of Conehatta; Stephanie McLemore, Stacey Mills, Audrey Parker, William Thornton and Jamanda Walker, all of Lawrence. LEAKE COUNTY: James Adams, Jennifer Adcock, Lakeshia Anderson, Brandi Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Michelle Blackwell, Cayla Chamblee, Barbara Fulton, Rebecca Fulton, Amanda Gilbert, Margaret Greer, Angela Hays, Michael Jones, Anson Lepard, Travis Martin, Donna Moore, Steven Morgan, Ronnie Morris, Robert Moss, Alicia Quick, Amanda Sanders, Christy Sanders, Solphia Sanders, Brian Sistrunk, Melissa Thornton, Stephen Thornton, Donna Tubby, Jason Wade, Christopher Waggoner, John Whittington and Dana Withers, all of Carthage; Richard Alexander and Perry Johnson, both of Lena; and David Jones and Sherry Monk, both of Walnut Grove. NESHOBA COUNTY: Steven Alford, Ashley Allard, Melissa Allen, Brenda Apperson, Pamela Atkinson, Norma Bacon, Wendy Belk, Cyrus Ben, Elijah Ben, Timothy Boswell, Tammy Bradley, Amanda Burks, Stacey Carpenter, Jennifer Covington, Kory Culpepper, Rusty Cumberland, Mike Dearing, Mary Edwards, Shirley Evans, Benjamin Fulton, Elizabeth George, Kellie Goss, Douglas Graham, Robert Hardy, Bryant Henry, Stephen Jenkins, Brock Lillis, Yancie Miles, Jonathan Mills, Beverly Moody, Kizzy Moore, Candee Nance, Essie Overstreet, Brian Pendergrass, Brock Phillips, Mary Prim, Derek Russell, Sharon Spears, Barbara Tingle, Shea Trapp, Linda Tucker, Thomas White, Courtney Wilcher and Christy Williamson, all of Philadelphia. SCOTT COUNTY: Malcolm Banks, April Blackledge, Brandi Bounds, Lynn Bradford, Thomas Gaddis, Becky Harrell, Rebecca Henderson, Mary Hodge, Joy Johnson, Paula Johnson, Michael Jones, Melissa Knowles, Felicia Jay, Candice McCormick, Shelley McKinley, Mikki McMillan, Jamie Miller, Mark Suwinski, Joseph Tucker, Christopher VanEtten, Rebecca Vincent, Cheryl Watkins and Shelly Welch all of Forest; Alicia Bennett, Tiffany Bradford, Tiffany Frith, LuAnn Gould, Howard Hayman, David Hollingsworth, Amanda Keeton, Bradley Measells, Alicia Mecks, Debbie Risher and Matt Warren, all of Morton; Daniel Gressett, Kristie Leach, Laramie Townsend and Lesley Weems, all of Lake; Felicia Parkman and Michael Russum, both of Pulaski; and Carolyn Richardson, Sebastopol. WINSTON COUNTY: Sandra Chambliss, Michael Chappell, Amy Clark, Cassandra Culwell, Michael Dickerson, Pamela Goss, Jason Hailey, Daniel Hamilton, Gwendolyn Hickman, Brian King, Kelvin Knowles, Melvin Knowles, Heather Moody, Stefanie Moody, Rodrick Moore, Ellen Null, Terri Peden, Mary Quinn, Peggy Quinn, Tammy Rademacher, Gaydon Richardson, Kimberly Robbins, Brenda Rogers, Jimmy Rushing, Tiffany Smith, Drew Snow, Richard Swain and Angel Taylor, all of Louisville; and Amy Dunaway, Rodney Mason, Alicia Reynolds, Antoinette Taylor and Amy Wilkers, all of Nozapter. OUT OF DISTRICT LAUDERDALE: Galretta Adams, Barbara Brown Brian Buckley, Sherry Clark, Jessie Fitzgerald, Joylynn Flowers, Justin Gray, Joseph Hatcher, Harold Hollingsworth, Raquel Sanders and Timothy Stephens, all of Meridian; and Jennifer Huey, Gary Langley and Mary Lunsford, all of Collinsville. CLARKE: Robert Singleton, Enterprise. KEMPER: Sheila Coleman, Preston. JASPER: Brandy Ulmer, Rose Hill. SMITH: Melissa Hawkins, Raleigh. RANKIN: Santrea Buckner, Pelahatchie. ATTALA: Melanie Burkett, Kosciusko.

Choir to perform at Thalia Mara Hall

The Concert Choir will participate in a mass choral concert at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, in Jackson's Thalia Mara Hall in celebration of the Mississippi Community and Junior College (MCJC) Choral Festival's 50th anniversary, announced Charles Hinson, ECCC choral director.

Each year choral students from Mississippi's public two-year colleges meet on a host campus for two days of performances and rehearsals

with guest conductors. Each festival concludes with a mass concert at the campus.

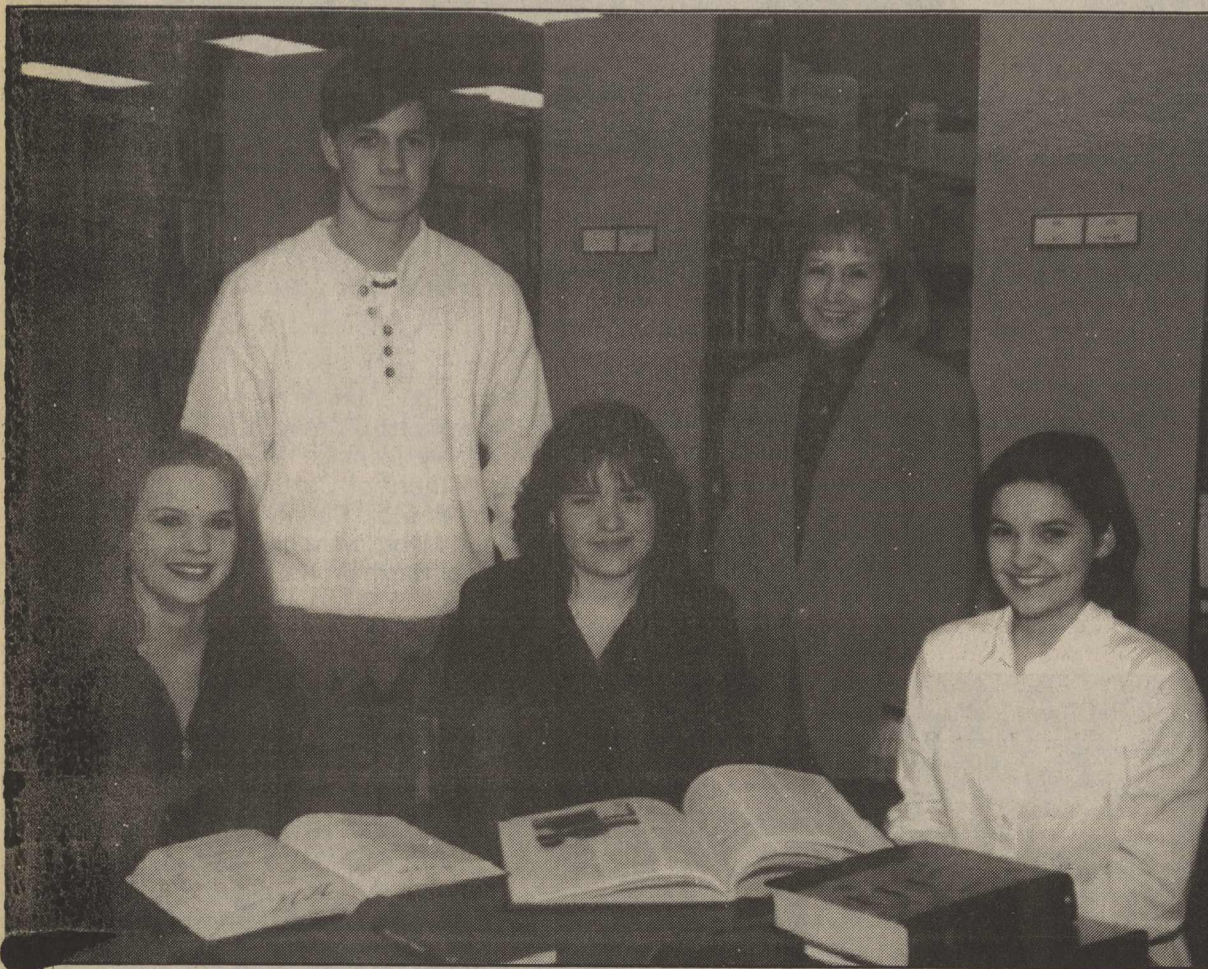
This year's anniversary marks the first time that the MCJC choirs have come together for a special concert in a public performance hall. "This is the first chance for some students to perform with an orchestra," said Hinson.

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Coleman Pearce, will accompany the com-

bined choirs in Beethoven's "Mass in C" and Faure's "Requiem." This group of nearly 800 students will be divided into two choirs with each choir singing one of the selections.

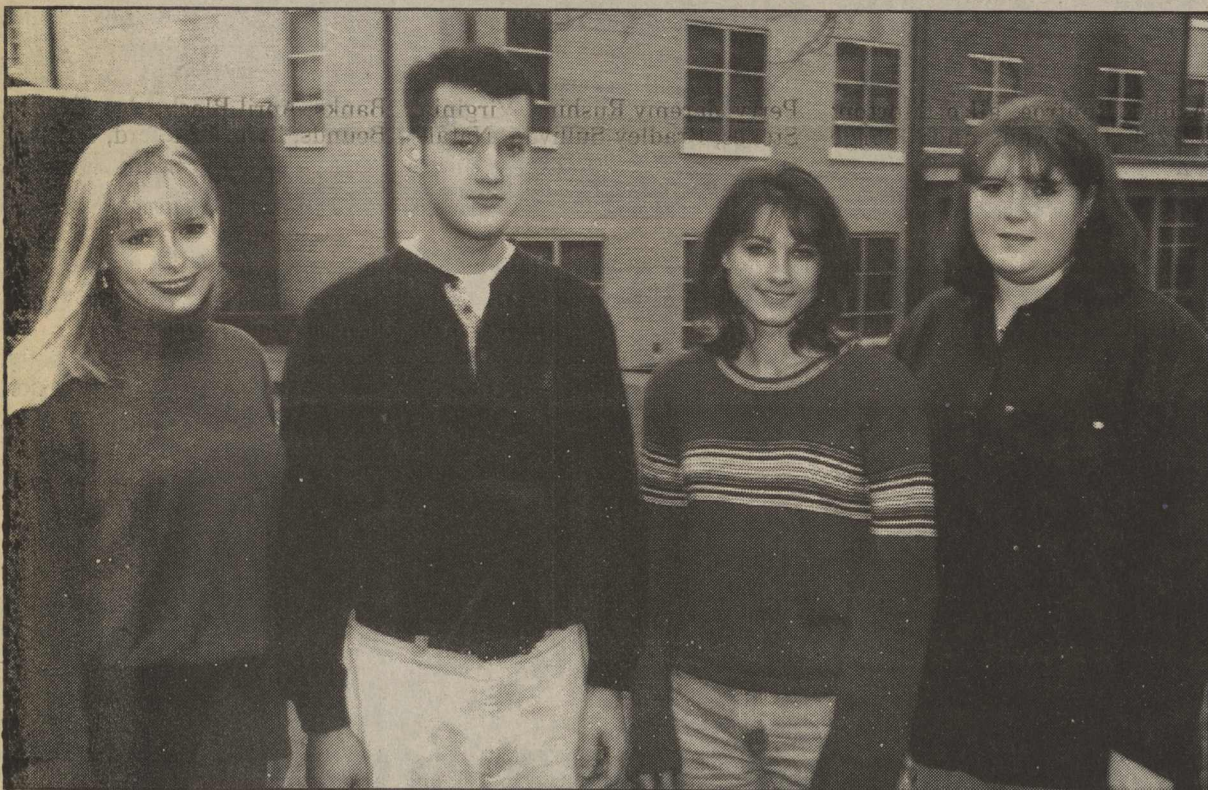
Tickets for the Feb. 21 concert are \$5 and will be available at the Thalia Mara Hall box office the evening of the performance.

For more information contact choral director Charles Hinson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 225.



Scholars Bowl team

Hitting the books in preparation for the upcoming statewide Scholars Bowl competition scheduled at the University of Mississippi Feb. 14-15 are members of the East Central team who include (seated from left) Sarah Whitesell of Forest, Amanda Moore of Carthage, Celeste Staton of Union and standing, Lenzy Gressett of Carthage, and sponsor Mrs. Linda B. Pierce. East Central has twice won the annual contest whose participants include representatives from the Mississippi's 15 community and junior colleges.



Lead business club

These students are serving as officers of Students In Free Enterprise at East Central for the 1997-98 term. From left are Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, president; Rhett Rivers of Union, vice president; Crystal Lewis of Philadelphia, secretary; and Amy Spears of Lena, treasurer. The organization is for students interested in business careers. Club members are also involved in various endeavors related to the business world. Most recently, students have taught economics to area fifth graders and held workshops for GED Applicants. Economics instructor Wanda Moore serves as club sponsor.

Phil's fearless forecast

By DEANNA BANKSTON
The Tom Tom

It's happened again. . . Phil has seen his shadow. The world's furriest weather forecaster has predicted that we will suffer six more weeks of winter. The only question to be asked now is, "Is he right?"

The legend of Groundhog Day is based on a custom brought to America by the Europeans. More specifi-

cally, it developed from an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year."

The early American colonists believed that February second was the best time for predicting the next six weeks' weather. On that particular day, the groundhog or woodchuck awakens from its winter sleep. He then proceeds to stick his head out of his home and look around.

If the groundhog sees his shadow, he is frightened and returns to his hole in the ground. Thus, we are supposed to have six more weeks of winter weather. However, if the creature does not see his shadow, it stays out of its hole, indicating that spring is right around the corner. Of course, we know that his seeing or not seeing his shadow is merely based on the degree of sunshine that day.

Nevertheless, Groundhog Day has

become an important tradition in American culture. Children study about it, adults are fascinated with it, and Hollywood has even made a successful movie about it. Last year alone, a record number of 30,000 people were at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded area just outside of Punxsutawney, Penn. to watch the famous groundhog emerge from his tree stump.

Interestingly, the ceremony was held in secret until 1966, and only Phil's prediction was released to the public. Since that time, however, the ordeal has become a national affair. Residents of Punxsutawney claim that Punxsutawney Phil has never been wrong. Records, however, show otherwise. With this year's prediction, the famous groundhog has seen his shadow 100 times in the past 112 years. Research shows that his accuracy rate is only about fifty-nine percent since 1980.

But who can downplay an American institution? Punxsutawney Phil is loved by all, and regardless of his accuracy rate, the world's cutest weather forecaster is unlikely to get fired. How will his prediction fare this year? I guess we'll just have to wait and see.



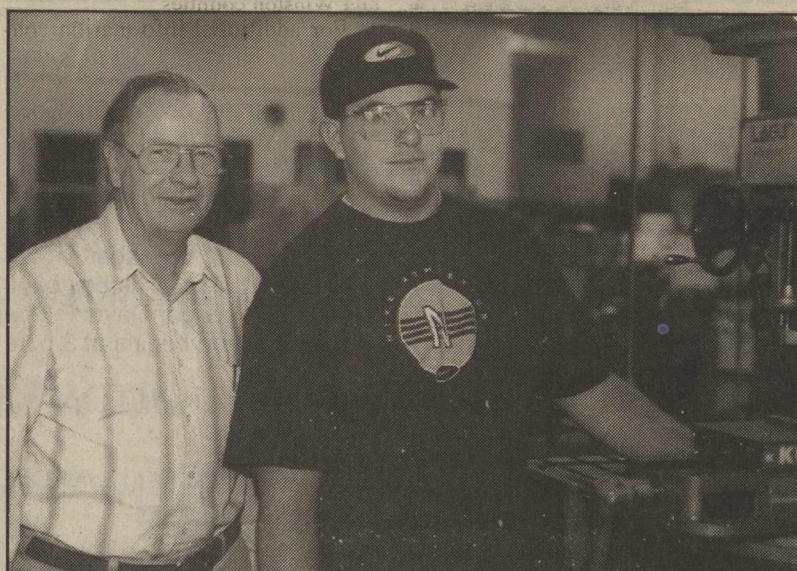
Receive scholarships

These students were recently presented Nontraditional Student scholarships to continue their education at ECCC. Awarded to Mississippi residents 23 years of age or older, the tuition scholarships are available for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned. Recipients are required to maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average. Pictured are seated (from left) Antoinette Taylor and Janita Hornesburger, both of Noxapater; Martha Lathem of Walnut Grove and Brenda Apperson of Philadelphia; standing, Stacey Mills of Lawrence, Kimberly Hollingworth of Decatur, Danna Jones of Newton and Dean of Students Randall Lee. For more information contact Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 279.



Mayor proclaims Vo-Tech Week

Decatur Mayor David Griffin is shown signing a proclamation declaring Feb. 8-14 as National Vocational Education Week, as administration and students representing various vo-tech programs at East Central look on. In declaring the special observance, Griffin said, "Vocational Education provides a valuable service of developing leadership, encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, teaching up-to-date business information and inspiring patriotism. Vocational Education is the state's most effective work force development system." Pictured are (seated from left), Pam Goss of Louisville, Welding; Stephanie Craig of Hickory, Computer Programming; John Adcock, District Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction at ECCC; Griffin; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President; Felisha Martin of Louisville, Cosmetology; and Barbara Brown of Meridian, Business Technology; standing, Debbie Risher of Morton, Surgical Technology; Elisha Amos, of Philadelphia, Child Development Technology; Jennifer McDaniel of Union, Electronic Technology; Chris Jenkins of Carthage, Automotive Body Repair; Casey Peebles of Philadelphia, Machine Shop Technology; Roland Price of Toledo, Ohio, Automotive Technology; Tomi Mize of Newton, Heating and Air Conditioning; Chris Thompson of Forest, Heating and Air Conditioning; and Michael Whittington of Carthage, Electrical Technology.



Scholarship recipient

East Central freshman Stephen Thornton (right) of Carthage was recently presented a Machine Shop Technology Scholarship from U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia. Thornton, shown with machine shop instructor Richard Clark, participates in the College's Work-Based Learning Program which provides opportunities for technology students to combine school-based education/training at East Central with hands-on experience in the workplace. In addition to receiving a tuition scholarship from U.S. Motors, Thornton qualifies to receive a competitive wage while working in a machining occupation as he continues his education at ECCC. A graduate of Edinburg High School, Thornton is the son of J.W. and Kay Thornton of Carthage.



Student honored

East Central sophomore Ty Jankowski of Forest was recently presented a plaque of appreciation for his "outstanding contributions to ECCC as head resident assistant." Jankowski is shown receiving the award from Joe Killens, director of housing. Jankowski, a liberal arts/criminal justice major, also served as section leader for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. In addition, he played saxophone in the concert and jazz bands. He also served as a staff reporter on The Tom-Tom staff and was a member of the dormitory and band councils. The nontraditional student is a graduate of Lake High School.

Phi Theta Kappa news and events

By JAKE JENKINS
The Tom Tom

In the relatively short time since the beginning of the semester, Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa already has its hands full of activities currently taking place and planned for the near future.

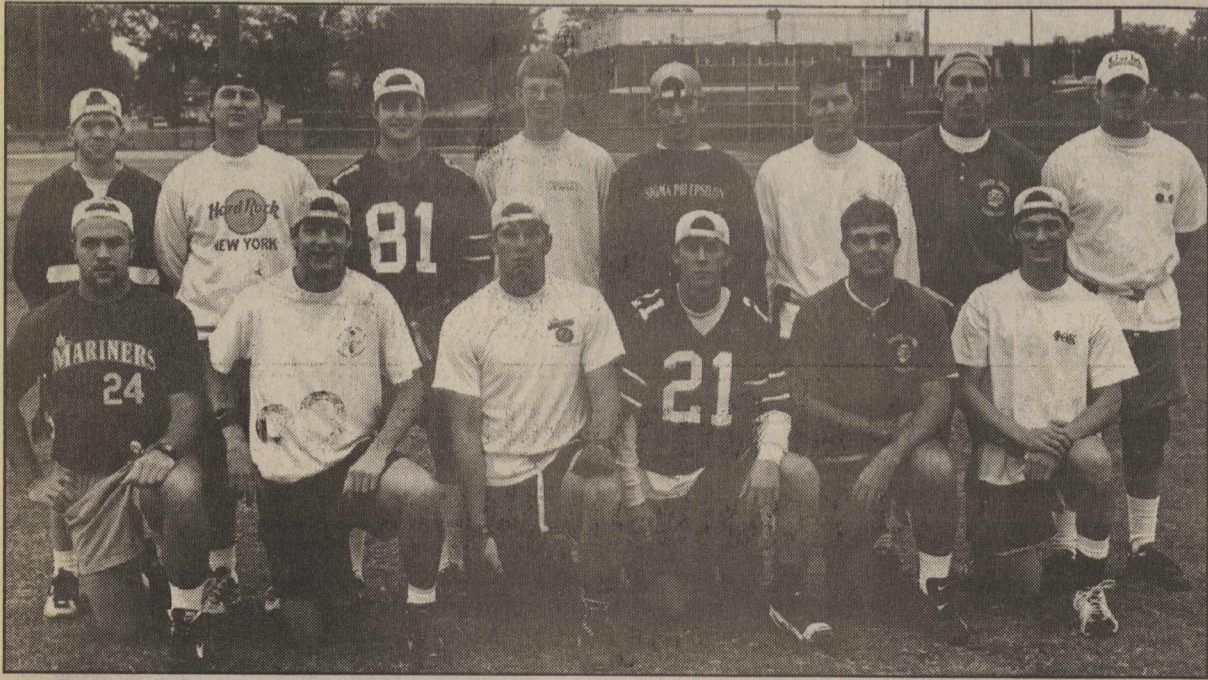
On Thursday, Jan. 29, Theta Xi chapter inducted 83 new members in a ceremony held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. Following the induction ceremony, a reception was held for the new members. We in Theta Xi would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new inductees and wish them the best during their time as members of Theta Xi.

During the weekend of Feb. 7-8, members attended the 1997-98 Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Convention in Meridian. Members who went were treated to a slide show summing up the region's activities over the past year, a performance by ECCC's own Collegians, skits, tours of several Meridian landmarks, and other enjoyable activities.

As February comes to a close, the deadline for Theta Xi chapter's Hallmark Essays creeps nearer. Each Phi Theta Kappa chapter's essays plays an important role in determining the individual ranking of each chapter among the over 1,800 chapters that currently exist. Last year, Theta Xi was once more in the top twenty-five of these chapters, and with the dedication of our new members, we'll just keep moving on up.

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Sports



Flag football champs

"Pallbearers" won top honors in the annual intramural football competition held recently. Team members include (kneeling from left) David Jones, Walnut Grove; Shad Sanders, Carthage; Seth McCoy, Philadelphia; Brian Sistrunk, Kevin Chamblee and Kenny McMillon, all of Carthage; standing, Jason Hailey, Louisville; David Lepard, Philadelphia; Bobby Moss, Carthage; Eric Sharp, Philadelphia; Robert Tranum, Louisville; Brian Shaw, Forest; John Faulkner, Carthage; and Davis Fulton, Philadelphia. Not pictured is Christopher Haralson of Forest. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program.



Softball team

Above are members of the softball team for the 1998 campaign. Kneeling from left are outfielders Coco Mapp and Sandra Lampkin, both of Newton County; Stephanie Moody of Nanih Waiya and Katie Brown of Sebastopol; infielders Christy Sanders of Leake Academy and Autumn Townsend of Neshoba Central; outfielders Memrie Rawson of Carthage and Regena McCraw of Sebastopol; infielder Boosie Carter of Noxapater; and outfielder Tomeka Sutton of Philadelphia; standing, manager Marquitta Harper of Carthage; outfielder Stephanie Gray of Lake; infielders Kristina Harris of Newton and Ginger Moore of Noxapater; pitcher/infielder Stephanie Craig of Newton County; catcher Carla Phillips of Sebastopol; manager Dana Withers of Carthage; pitcher Ragan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya; and manager Davis Fulton of Neshoba Central. The Lady Warriors are coached by Mike Anderson. Season action begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, against Holmes on the Decatur campus.



Scholar athletes

These members of the Lady Warrior Softball Team all achieved a 3.0 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the fall semester. Pictured are (front row, from left), Carla Phillips of Sebastopol, Regan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya, Christy Sanders of Leake Academy, Memrie Rawson of Carthage, and Autumn Townsend of Neshoba Central; standing, Dana Withers of Carthage, Katie Brown of Sebastopol, Ginger Moore of Noxapater, Stephanie Craig of Newton County, Regena McCraw of Sebastopol and Sandra Lampkin of Newton County. Mitchell and Moore were given special recognition for achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA. Not pictured is Stefanie Moody of Nanih Waiya. Mike Anderson serves as coach of the Lady Warriors.



Diamond Warrior scholars

These members of the baseball team received special recognition for earning 3.0 or above grade point averages for the 1997 fall semester. Pictured are first row (from left), Jay McLendon, Humphreys Academy; Ron Perkins, Louisville; Rusty Cumberland, Neshoba Central; Brian Hardy, Philadelphia; and Dustin Mathews, Claiborne (Louisiana) Christian Academy; second row, Joey Smith, Newton County High School; Linzy Gressett, Carthage; Joey Allen, Junction City (Arkansas) High School; and Jason Willis, Neshoba Central; third row, P.J. Pearson, Newton County; Scott Townsend, Jena (Louisiana) High School; Zach Sanders, Neshoba Central; Dennis McDill, Leake Academy; and Bo Burkes, Neshoba Central; and fourth row, Justin Chaney, Newton County; Chad Champion, Holt (Alabama) High School; Dan Gressett, Lake; and Scott Stephens, Northeast Lauderdale. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WARRIOR BASEBALL
1998 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
FEBRUARY			
SATURDAY 14	BEVILL STATE	1:00 PM	FAYETTE, AL
TUESDAY 17	EMCC (SINGLE)	3:00 PM	DECATUR
THURSDAY 19	HOLMES (SINGLE)	1:00 PM	GOODMAN
SATURDAY 21	BEVILL STATE	1:00 PM	DECATUR
TUESDAY 24	WALLACE-SELMA	1:00 PM	DECATUR
FRIDAY 27	BOSSIER PARISH	2:00 PM	BOSSIER CITY, LA
SATURDAY 28	PANOLA	1:00 PM	BOSSIER CITY, LA
MARCH			
TUESDAY 3	SOUTHWEST	1:00 PM	DECATUR
THURSDAY 5	LINCOLN TRAIL	1:00 PM	DECATUR
FRIDAY 6	DELTA	1:00 PM	MOORHEAD
SATURDAY 7	ITAWAMBA	1:00 PM	DECATUR
THURSDAY 12	DELTA	2:00 PM	DECATUR
FRIDAY 13	ITAWAMBA	1:00 PM	FULTON
SATURDAY 14	ITAWAMBA (SINGLE)	2:00 PM	FULTON
SUNDAY 15	NORTHWEST	1:00 PM	SENATOBIA
TUESDAY 17	HINDS	4:00 PM	RAYMOND
FRIDAY 20	JACKSON STATE (SINGLE)	3:00 PM	DECATUR
SATURDAY 21	JONES	1:00 PM	DECATUR
WEDNESDAY 25	GULF COAST	4:00 PM	PERKINSTON
SATURDAY 28	PEARL RIVER	1:00 PM	POPLARVILLE
TUESDAY 31	COPIAH-LINCOLN	3:00 PM	DECATUR
APRIL			
FRIDAY 3	BOSSIER PARISH (SINGLE)	4:00 PM	DECATUR
SATURDAY 4	SOUTHWEST	1:00 PM	SUMMIT
MONDAY 6	DANVILLE (SINGLE)	NOON	DECATUR
MONDAY 6	BELHAVEN JV (SINGLE)	6:00 PM	DECATUR
FRIDAY 10	HINDS	1:00 PM	DECATUR
TUESDAY 14	JONES	4:00 PM	ELLISVILLE
WEDNESDAY 15	HOLMES (SINGLE)	6:00 PM	PHILADELPHIA
SATURDAY 18	GULF COAST	1:00 PM	DECATUR
MONDAY 20	EMCC (SINGLE)	6:00 PM	SCOOPA
WEDNESDAY 22	PEARL RIVER	4:00 PM	DECATUR
SATURDAY 25	COPIAH-LINCOLN	1:00 PM	WESSON

ALL GAMES ARE DOUBLE HEADERS EXCEPT THOSE MARKED SINGLE

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LADIES SOFTBALL

1998 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	24	HOLMES	HOME
	26	HOLMES	AWAY
	28	MOSS POINT TOURNAMENT	MOSS POINT
MARCH	3	NORTHEAST	HOME
	4	MISSISSIPPI DELTA	AWAY
	5	EAST MISSISSIPPI	AWAY
	16	MISSISSIPPI DELTA	HOME
	17	HINDS	AWAY
	18	MARY HOLMES	HOME
	19	SOUTHWEST	HOME
	24	CO-LIN	HOME
	27-28	NORTHEAST TOURNAMENT	BOONEVILLE
	31	PEARL RIVER	AWAY
APRIL	1	HINDS	HOME
	2	MARY HOLMES	AWAY
	6	JONES	AWAY
	8	CO-LIN	AWAY
	9	EAST MISSISSIPPI	HOME
	13	GULF COAST	HOME
	16	SOUTHWEST	AWAY
	20	PEARL RIVER	HOME
	21	GULF COAST	AWAY
	23	JONES	HOME
MAY	1-2	STATE TOURNAMENT	NEW ALBANY

ALL GAMES ARE DOUBLE HEADERS
GAME TIME 3:00 P.M.



Basketball cheerleaders

These students are serving as cheerleaders for the Warrior and Lady Warrior basketball teams. Pictured are (first row, from left), Nichol McKee, Jennifer Pace, Amy Clark and Leslie Brackeen, all of Newton County; back row, Bill Johnson of Newton County, Michael Scarbrough of Neshoba Central and Jeremy Nowell of Nanih Waiya. Virginia Pace serves as sponsor.

**East Central Community College
senior college signees**

Joseph Anders, honorable mention All-State, 60 tackles; Kendrick Clancy, Ole Miss, first team All-State, 121 tackles (third in the state), eight sacks (third in state); Dejuan Clark, Kentucky State, first team All-State, All Region, MS JUCO All-Star, honorable mention, All-American, 134 tackles (first in state); William Curry, Jacksonville State honorable mention All-State; Juan Drain, second team All-State, 35 receptions (seventh in state), 489 yard, two touchdowns;

Undeon Hardy, honorable mention All-State, two-year starter; Al Hunt, Wingate University, first team All-State punter, first team All-Region punter, first team All-American punter, second team All-State

quarterback, MS JUCO All-Star, passed for 1109 yards, eight touchdowns, rushed for 522 yards, seven touchdowns, 44.06 average punt, longest punt 85 yards; Kenny Kelly, Auburn, second team All-State, 121 tackles (second in state), two interceptions, seven blocked punts; Edwin Moore, honorable mention All-State, three interceptions, 27 tackles;

Horace Nash, honorable mention All-State; Jason Nixon, Northwestern Oklahoma, first team All-State for two years, first team All-Region, MS JUCO All-Star; Joey Pinkston, Southern Mississippi, led nation in interceptions with 11; two-year total of 20, first team All-State, first team All-Region, honorable mention All-

American, MS JUCO All-Star, MVP defensive back in MS JUCO;

Mack Pittman, Carson Newman, second team All-State, MS JUCO All-Star, MVP Huddle House Golden Isle Bowl (198 yard rush), MVP MS JUCO All-Star Game (170 yard rush), 2200 yards rushing in two years; Tyquan Taylor, second team All-State, two year starter, 64 tackles;

Maurice “Bo” Thomas, Tennessee State, second All-State, MS JUCO All-Star, 2 year starter; Shawn Walker, Southeastern Missouri State, second team All-State, MS JUCO All-Star, 20 of 21 extra points, eight of 12 field goals, 21 of 37 touchbacks, punt average 40.5, 2 year starter.

**ECCC to offer computer
workshops over Internet**

Area residents will soon be able to “attend” a variety of computer workshops without having to leave their

homes, thanks to a partnership between East Central Community College and the “Education To Go”

program. Based in California, the Education To Go program provides on-line classes to participating educational institutions who in turn make the courses available to the public.

The College’s Office of Adult and Continuing Education is now taking reservations for various workshop offerings, which include Into to the Internet, Creating Web Pages and other topics. The self-paced noncredit classes, priced at \$35 each, are designed to assist those who need to upgrade their job skills but find it inconvenient or impossible to participate in a traditional classroom setting.

According to Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, students in each six-week class receive their lessons and assignments over the Interactive demonstrations and bulletin boards posted on the World Wide Web.

“All class materials are designed to download quickly so as not to tie the student’s time or telephone line. Once received, most assignments can be completed off-line. Students can turn in completed assignments and ask unlimited question of their instructor by return e-mail,” Davis added.

The first workshop scheduled to be offered through the College is Intro to PC Troubleshooting which begins Feb. 11. A prerequisite for the course is Win 3.1, Win 95.

Additional workshop courses scheduled include Intro to QuickBooks (Feb. 18), Creating Web Graphics (Feb. 25), Java Programming (March 4), Microsoft Excel (March 11), Advanced Web Pages (March 18), Quicken for Windows (March 25), Intro to the Internet (April 1), Creating Web Pages (April 22), Windows File and Disk Management (April 29), Word Tips and Tricks (May 6), Microsoft FrontPage (May 13), and Microsoft Access (May 20).

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss, 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 279.



Signs fitness trail document

East Central President Dr. Eddie M. Smith is shown signing a document from the National Recreation Trails Funding program to help develop a fitness trail on the Decatur campus. The government will fund up to \$20,000 of the \$40,000 project, to be built on the north end of campus between the softball field and College pond. The mile-long trail will be lighted, handicapped accessible and includes exercise stations. Pictured with Dr. Smith are ECCC Board of Trustees officers (seated) Prentice Copeland, chairman, of Philadelphia and (standing for left) Billy Nicholson, vice chairman, of Union and Jerry Nance, secretary, of Louisville. Grant approval for the project was made by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation. Alumni and others interested in contributing to the project may contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Ph 635-6323.

Cheerleader tryouts scheduled for Feb. 26

Cheerleader tryouts will be held Thursday, Feb. 26, at 3:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, announced Virginia Pace, cheerleader sponsor.

Anyone interested in trying out for the 1998-99 football or basketball cheerleading squads must first attend a pre-tryout clinic scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Cheers and dance routines to be used during tryouts will be taught at the clinic. At the conclusion of the clinic, Pace will meet with cheerleader candidates to discuss requirements and procedures for tryouts.

Cheerleader applications should be available from cheerleader sponsors or guidance counselors of local high schools. For more infor-

mation contact Virginia Pace, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss, 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 239.



**East Central Community College
1998 Football Signees**

LOUISVILLE	POS	HT	WT
CORNELUIS GOSS	CB	6'2"	190
REGIONAL THOMAS	OL	6'0"	250
DEMON BAKER	WR	5'10"	175
EDDIE SMITH	LB	6'0"	200

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DEWASKI BURNSIDE	QB	6'1"	180
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WINSTON ACADEMY

DAVE CRAWLEY	WR	5'11"	180
ROBIN BARNETT	OL	6'1"	270

NESHOBA CENTRAL

KYLE WATSON	OL	6'1"	280
DERRICK PICKENS	LB	5'9"	185
JAMES NASH	WR	5'11'	170

PHILADELPHIA

JOSH HARDY	P-K-OB	5'10"	170
JOE RUSH	RB	6'2'	230

CHOCTAW CENTRAL

RANDY TANGLE	RB	5'10"	172
DOMINIC HERNANDEZ	OL	5'11"	240

NEWTON

JAMES CAPLES	OL	6'2"	280
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FOREST

COURTNEY SHEPPARD	LB	5'10	235
REGGIE MOORE	LB	6'1"	200

MORTON

REGGIE McCOY	LB	6'2"	200
CHAD JONES	SS	5'11"	190

SCOTT CENTRAL

CEDRICK BOBBETT	RB	5'11"	175
BERALD MURRY	DL	6'0"	185

SEBASTOPOL

RANDY BRONSON	OL	6'3"	270
DUSTY COMMON	OL	6'4'	260

CARTHAGE

PATRICK STEWART	TE	6'3"	220
JEREMY TRIPPLETT	DB	5'10"	175

**TUSCALOOSA
COUNTY**

DAVID DANIELS	DL	6'2"	260
COREY PICKENS	DB	5'11"	175
JAMARCUS MURRAY	RB	6'0"	190

OUT OF STATE

LEVI DUNCAN	LB	6'2"	210
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ECCC program helps German student pursue career goal

Born and raised in Germany, he's traveled to France, England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, and Italy, just to name a few. So why would Uwe Dotzauer travel to rural Mississippi?

A 22-year-old exchange student at East Central Community College, Dotzauer says, "Why did you come to Decatur, Mississippi?" is the question he is most often asked.

So to answer everyone's question, Dotzauer said, "I visited my aunt (Hannelore Copeland) in Newton several times. With each visit, I wanted to stay longer and longer. I had always wanted to spend a year in the United States to improve my English and get to know the country. That's when my aunt told me about East Central Community College.

"I later found out that East Central had an electronics program. That was what I had studied in Germany, so I talked to Mr. (Raymond) McMullan (Director of Admissions, Records and Research) last summer and enrolled at East Central during the fall of 1997." Dotzauer chose the Electronic Technology curriculum as his major at ECCC.

After fall classes began, Ron Mott, electronic technology instructor, discovered quickly through class discussions and assessments that Dotzauer was well beyond an entry-level student. Because of training he had received in Germany through the dual apprenticeship system (work-based learning), Dotzauer was much more advanced in knowledge and technical ability than a beginning student. He worked three and one-half years at Deutsch Bahn, the German rail transit system. Mott said, "Uwe is an exceptional student. He is very intelligent and dedicated and he gives 100 percent. I wish all students were like him."

His success in the classroom is evidenced by the fact he was named a Dean's List Scholar last fall with a 3.5 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) and was invited to join EC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. He was also named Electronic Technology "Student of the Month" in October.

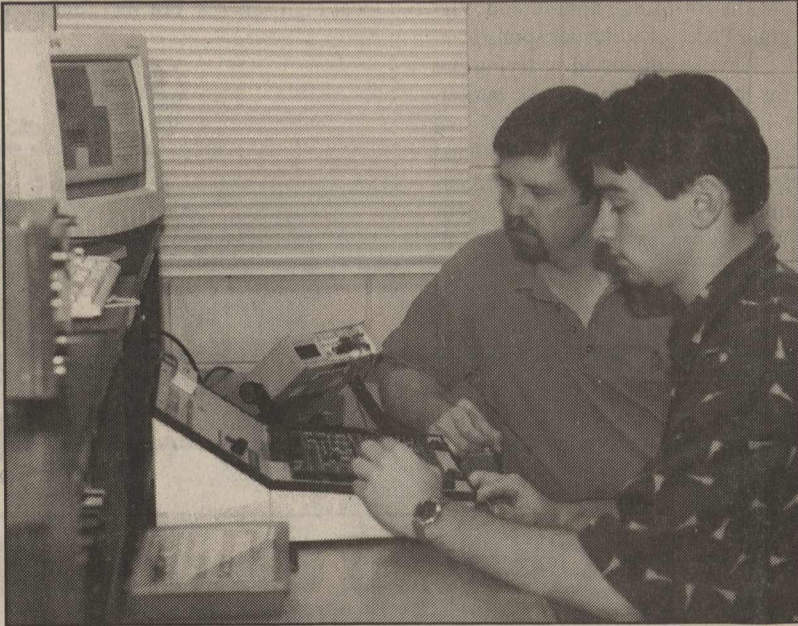
East Central was able to obtain documentation verifying Dotzauer's education, training and work experience with the assistance of Roger Whitlock, Work-Based Learning Coordinator at the College's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center. After gathering this information and after proper assessment tests were given to Dotzauer, Whitlock said ECCC awarded him credit for the entire first year of coursework in the Electronic Technology curriculum. He is now enrolled in sophomore level classes and will qualify for graduation in May, 1998.

The administration, faculty and staff at ECCC have continually supported, challenged and encouraged Dotzauer. Whitlock added, "Uwe Dotzauer is very deserving of the support provided because of his strong educational background, obvious commitment and determination, cooperative and appreciative spirit, and exceptionally positive attitude. He is a great example of goal-oriented preparation and superb parenting. ECCC has successfully combined the services of the Skill-Tech Career Center and vocational-technical education to help Dotzauer advance in his career ambitions."

During his stay, Dotzauer has noticed many differences in the U.S. and his native Germany. "People are friendlier here and much more helpful. They are more open and likely to speak than in Germany. Maybe it's because of the weather. It's always warm here!" said Dotzauer. He also said the food was different. "People eat more fast food here and they always have ice in their drinks," Dotzauer said. "Germans drink their beverages cool, but not iced."

He also pointed out the differences in education. "In Germany," he said, "education is the main thing. We learn English in the fifth grade and instead of students changing classrooms, teachers change rooms and students stay in the same room all day." Other differences included college sports. Dotzauer said athletes are much more "professional" here than in Germany. Instead of football, the Germans play soccer and, unlike the U.S., they don't have cheerleaders! "In Germany, we take education very, very seriously and athletics are secondary," he stated.

School in America hasn't been too difficult for Dotzauer. "Language is the only barrier. If you know the language it's not too hard," he said. And language he knows. Dotzauer has studied German, French, and English.



Dotzauer is assisted in a class project by Electronic Technology instructor Jim Blackburn.



Uwe Dotzauer, an exchange student from Germany, is shown in front of the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, where he is enrolled in the Electronic Technology program.

Dotzauer seems to enjoy the United States and East Central. He said, "It has been easy to make friends here. I love American movies and playing basketball." Tennis is his other sport. He and sophomore Brian Shaw of Forest won the men's doubles championship during the annual ECCC Alumni/Student Tennis Tournament held during Homecoming activities last fall.

After completing his A.A.S. (Associate in Applied Science) degree in Electronic Technology at East Central, Dotzauer hopes to secure part-time employment while still pursuing a degree in Manufacturing Technology, a new program offered at the Meridian campus of Mississippi State University. He eventually plans to fulfill his career goal of earning full-time employment in the electronic information

management field with an American industry or business.

Dotzauer's parents, Hans and Waltraud Dotzauer, still reside in his hometown of Landau, Germany, where they own a restaurant. His older brother, Dirk, is a food inspector in Landau. His family hopes to be able to come see him next year.

Dotzauer said he is "very grateful" for the assistance provided by East Central. "The administration's willingness to honor my background with college credit strongly reinforces that East Central Community College really does have its students in mind," Dotzauer said.

For more information about the Work-Based Learning program at ECCC contact WBL Director Roger Whitlock at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, 635-2111, ext. 305.



New PTK members

Among 83 new members inducted into Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on Jan. 29 are, first row, from left, Natalie Vowell, Amber Woods, Krystal Nowell, Autumn Townsend, Jennifer Pace, Sonji Thomas, Katie Stokes, Susan Staton, Christy Wooten, Benita Madden, Catherine York, Celest Staton and Denise Willie; second row, from left, Kim Stewart, B. J. Morrow, Wendy Tullos, Ginger Moore, Ragan Mitchell, Laura Ming, Anita Moss, Vanessa Sanders, Kim Young, Teresa Walker, Amanda Miles and Michelle Robertson; third row, from left, Jade Parkes, Philip Smith, Jason Willis, Sissy Wilkerson, Laura Tadlock, Christy Pearce, Ashley Williams, Jessica Weight, Erik Perozo, Amanda McMillan and Ronnie Thrash, Jr.



Inducted into PTK

On Jan. 29, 83 new members of Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa were inducted. Among them are, first row, from left, Neil Hansford, Mark Fleming, Mandy Burt, Keisha Latham, Casey Lewis, Lana Kea, Alicia Jordan, Danna Dye, Dannete Brown, Jennifer Alford, April Bowie and Lisa Chesney; second row, from left, Derek Burton, Cody Fisher, Stephanie Bugg, Rhonda Alewine, Kamonica Craig, Stacy Baker, Lori Darsey, Candi Butler, Tiffany Edwards, Latrecia Johnson and Latoya Loper; third row, from left, William Anderson, Silje Adnedsen, Marcus Ellis, Brad Creel, Kim Hollingsworth, Marci Hollingsworth, Amy Dellaria, Allison Crosby, Brandi Duncan, Bridgett Green and Laura Hope Faulk; fourth row, from left, Donnie Fletcher, Jonathan Grice, Tony Lilly, Uwe Dotzauer, Eddie Jenkins, Christopher Fuller and Brad Gregory.

Cast chosen for 'My Fair Lady'

Rehearsals are under way for the musical production of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady" scheduled March 24-28 on the Decatur campus. Performances will be held each evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. There will also be a performance at 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 23, for area high schools.

Case in the leading role of Eliza Doolittle is freshman Marci Hollingsworth of Decatur. Other leading actors and their respective roles include Chas Evans (Colonel

Pickering) of Chunky, Ken Thrash (Henry Higgins) of Union, Emily Bullock (Mrs. Higgins, Henry's mother) of Decatur, and Tripp Gaddis (Freddy Eynsford-Hill) of Forest.

Also appearing in the popular musical are Max Lobentovich of Newton, Kristin Nicholson of Conehatta, Detra Carter, Jennifer Carson and Brad Sutphin, all of Decatur;

Sheila Oliver and Richard Burton, both of Little Rock; and Amy Butler and Charlie Lightsey, both of Union; Donnie Atkinson, Melissa Allen, Quanta Hill, Pam Atkinson, Jennifer

McWilliams, Brandi Duncan, Bryant Henry, Matthew Bell and Tywan Stafford, all of Philadelphia; Nicki Peden of Louisville; Shaun Lloyd of Morton;

Brad Walley of Forest; and Daniel Fulton, and Valerie Sam, both of Carthage. Benita Madden of Edinburg serves as assistant director/stage manager.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and faculty and went on sale Monday, Feb. 9. To reserve tickets call 635-2111, ext. 324. There will be no reserved seating.



Receives state award

Ronald B. Westbrook (left), Director of the Small Business Development Center at East Central, was recently named "Director/Trainer of the Year" by the Mississippi Small Business Development Center Network. Westbrook, shown with ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, received the annual award "because of the volume, quality and impact of seminars and workshops he provided to the community in 1997," according to Raleigh Byars, State SBDC Director. Byars added, "Mr. Westbrook has mastered the art of providing both a comprehensive training program for the business community and balancing that training program with the necessary counseling session." In accepting the award, Westbrook stated: "We try to hit on topics that have the most appeal to the people of our district. We are mainly a rural area, and we concentrate on teaching business people how to keep our retail dollars in our community." There are 21 Small Business Development Centers throughout the state whose main purpose is to provide free counseling and training to people in business or to those thinking about going into business. For more information contact the ECCC Small Business Development Center located at the Skill/Tech, One-Stop Career Center, Ph 635-2111, ext. 297.

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Diamond Warriors win State Championship

Three weeks ago at a pre-game meal, East Central Community College head baseball coach Jamie Clark told his Diamond Warriors that if they qualified for the state tournament, he guaranteed they would win the championship title.

Clark's team backed up his promise as East Central exploded for 10 runs in the sixth inning and cruised to a 15-8 win over Gulf Coast Sunday afternoon at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, host of this year's MACJC playoffs.

For East Central, now 31-20 and preparing for this week's Region 23 Tournament at Meridian Community College, the victory was especially sweet as it marked the College's first ever state baseball crown and avenged last year's loss to the Bulldogs in the championship game. Gulf Coast, 35-17, also advances to the region competition.

After claiming the state title, the Diamond Warrior head mentor said his first reaction is "one of relief," since his players "backed up my mouth." He is obviously very proud of his team-the number-two seed in the South Division-which won all three of its matchups in the double-elimination competition.

"This group of guys well represented East Central on and off the field. Winning the state title will obviously provide many lasting memories. We had many heroes in the tournament and during the regular season-from our regulars who did so well and those who came off the bench and excelled in clutch situations. We've had a great team effort this year, and I think one of the reasons for our success is the fact that we substituted a lot, which gave many guys an opportunity to play. We probably used more players in a game than most other jucu teams, and I know that was a big factor in helping us win."

In addition to praising the Diamond Warriors, Clark said assistants Neal Holliman and Lee Eady were vital to the team's success. "We could not have had as great a year without coaches Holliman and Eady. They are super additions to the baseball staff," Clark said.

Clark was also grateful for the "great following" from the East Central community at the state tournament. "Our crowd

support was outstanding; all three games in Scooba seemed like home contests to us because of our many loyal fans. It (fan support) was a definite factor in helping us win," Clark said.

Another "definite factor" in East Central's title win were the 10 runs scored in the top of the sixth inning which rallied the Diamond Warriors from an 8-3 deficit. Top-seeded Gulf Coast had taken the lead after scoring five runs in the fifth.

In that wild inning, ECCC sluggers included Joey Smith of Philadelphia, who had a solo home run and double; Greg Wood of Decatur, a two-run homer and single; Bo Grace of Meridian and Chad Champion of Holt, Ala., doubles each; and Dustin Matthews of Monroe, La., Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Ark., Ron Perkins of Louisville, singles each. Runs were scored by Grace (2), Smith (2), Champion (2), Wood (2), Matthews, Tyson and Perkins.

Freshman hurler Danny Rushing of Edinburg earned his first decision of the year, as he pitched 6 2/3 innings to claim the championship victory. Rushing, who came in relief of starter Champion, fanned six, walked one, and allowed five runs on six hits. He completely shut down the Bulldog batters in the final four innings.

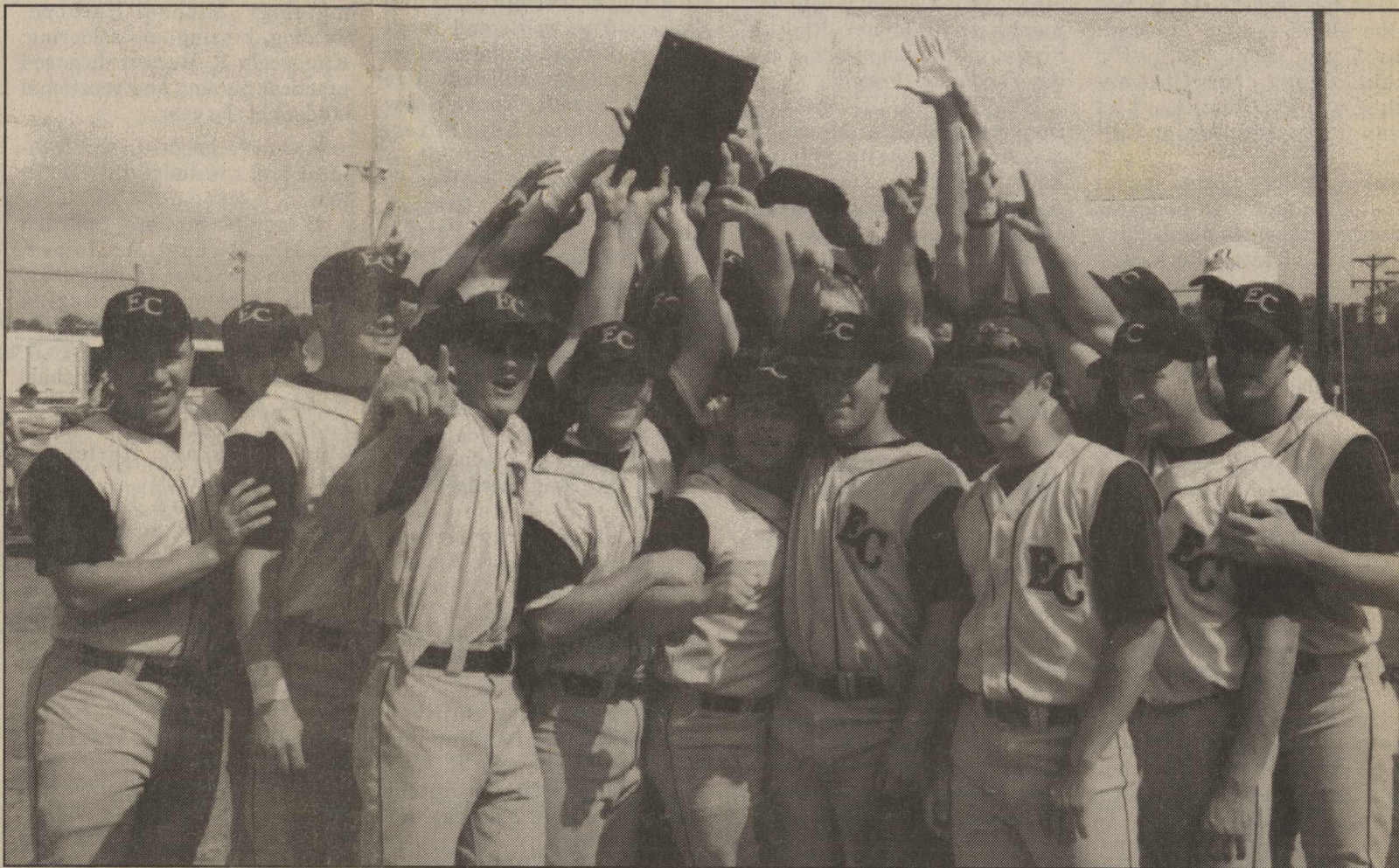
ECCC 9, GULF COAST 7

East Central defeated Gulf Coast 9-7 Saturday afternoon to set up Sunday's championship matchup.

Tyson was the winning pitcher as he improved his record to 3-1. Willis started for the Diamond Warriors and was relieved by Rushing after five innings. Willis fanned five, walked three and allowed six runs on six hits. Rushing registered two strike outs, walked one and gave up one hit.

Chris Tullos of Union came in relief of Rushing, as he fanned one, walked one and allowed one run on no hits. Tyson walked three batters, had no strike outs but gave up no hits or runs.

The Diamond Warriors scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth to erase a 6-0 Gulf Coast lead. The key hit was a three-run homer by Matthews. East Central added two runs in the seventh on Grace's single, and Matthews' solo shot in the eighth led to two more runs crossing the plate for a 9-7 advantage.



The East Central Community College baseball team celebrates its 15-8 win over Gulf Coast Sunday afternoon for the state championship. East Central, 31-20, will compete in the Region 23 Tournament scheduled May 7-10 at Meridian Community College.

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Grand-slam home runs by Wood in the second inning and Willis in the fifth helped give the Diamond Warriors a 13-7 first-round victory Friday night over East Miss., the top-seeded North squad. Wood, who collected five RBI's, also had a single

and Willis added a double. Other ECCC hitters were Brodie Meadows of Brandon, double and single; and Grace, Eric Weaver of Newton, Smith and Jay McLendon of Belzoni, singles each.

Sophomore hurler Dan Gressett of Lake got the win for East

Central and improved his season record to 9-2. Gressett fanned 10, walked six and allowed five runs on three hits over six innings on the mound. Brian Hardy of Philadelphia, Tullos and Joey Allen of Junction City, Ark., came on in relief.

REGION 23 TOURNEY

MAY 7-10

East Central begins first-round action in the Region 23 Tournament by challenging East Miss. at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7. The double-elimination tourney is being held at Meridian Community College. Finals are scheduled May 10.

Six inducted into Hall of Fame

Six students were inducted into the East Central Community College Hall of Fame in ceremonies held in Huff Auditorium on May 7, 1998. This is the highest award a student can achieve at East Central as it acknowledges character and service of the highest quality. Criteria for selection include exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership, and contribution to the betterment of East Central Community College.

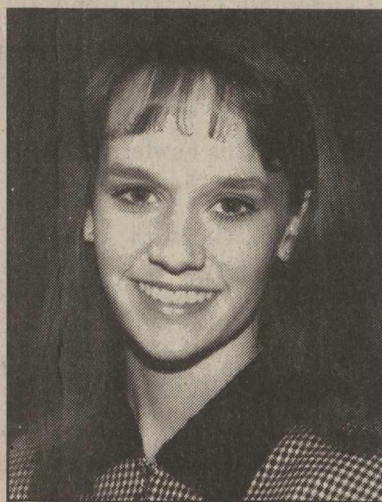
Selected for inclusion this year are: Miss Deanna Bankston, Miss Emily Bullock; Miss Amy Gomillion; Miss Krisan Risher; Mr. Zachary Sanders; and Mr. Brian Shaw.

Deanna is the daughter of Kenny and Lisa Bankston of Union and is a graduate of Union High School. Deanna serves as Co-Captain of the Fashion Squad and reporter for Mu Alpha Theta.

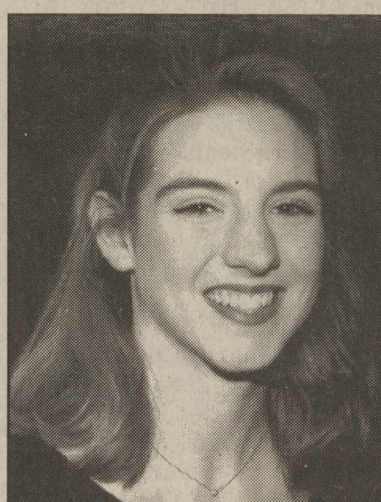
She is also a member of the Tom-Tom staff, the Student Education Association, and the Presidents Council. Deanna is an active participant of the Warriors Corps, and is secretary for the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and is a United States Academy Scholar.

The English Education major has maintained a 4.00 GPA while attending East Central. One of those nominating Deanna for this prestigious honor stated, "Deanna is more than just an excellent student, she is well-rounded and has a zest for life and an innate curiosity about its essence that prompts her involvement in all types of extra-curricular activities and inter-personal relationship."

Miss Emily Bullock serves as president of the ECCC Players were she has had leading roles in several theatrical production including: "The Mousetrap,"



Deanna Bankston



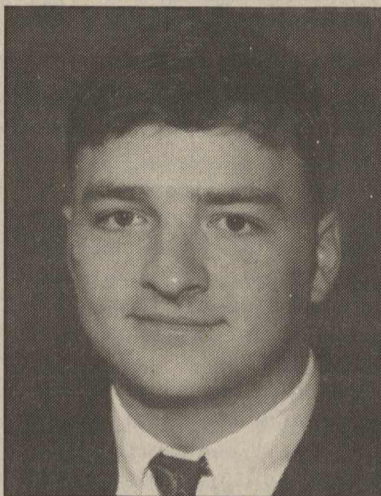
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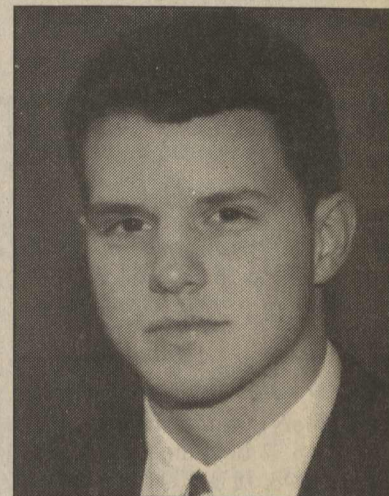
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Krisan Risher



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Brian Shaw

"Rumors," and "Mame." Emily is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Presidents Council, the Concert Choir, and the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. She is also in the Warrior Corps and Phi Theta Kappa. Emily was selected as East Central's HEADWAE Student of the Year, is a President's List Scholar and is on the National Dean's List. She was also selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, and was chosen as an Outstanding Transfer Student from a Two-Year College Board 97-98 Talent Roster of Commu-

nity College Program. One of Emily's nominations stated, "Emily Bullock has shown outstanding leadership, character, and academic ability...She has been actively involved in extracurricular activities and is very deserving of the Hall of Fame." Emily is the daughter of Ann and L.B. Bullock of Decatur and is a psychology major.

Amy Gomillion is the daughter of Don and Betty Gomillion of Walnut Grove. She is Student Body President, Mu Alpha Theta vice-president, and an All-American Scholar. Amy is also a member of the Fashion

Squad, Wesley Foundation, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and the Peer Tutorial Club.

She is a Diamond Girl and was a cast member in the ECCC Players' production of "Mame." Amy serves as vice-president of Scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa and is a member of the Warrior Corps.

In addition, Amy was selected as the recipient of the 1997 Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry Award, the 1997 Leon Eubanks Kaljyc Peers Leadership Award, and a 1997

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ECCC to graduate a record 365 students

A record 365 students are candidates for graduation this spring at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction. Commencement exercises are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday, May 15, 1998, in Warrior Stadium.

Selected to deliver the keynote address is Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove, a recipient of numerous honors during her two years at East Central.

Gomillion served this past year as student body president and is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

Most recently she was named to the All-Mississippi Academic First Team, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the Clarion-Ledger and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

Other graduating sophomores selected to serve as program participants include Sheila Oliver, soloist, of Little Rock, who will be accompanied by Elijah Ben of Philadelphia; Kamonica Craig, invocation, of Louisville; and Donnie Atkinson, benediction, of Philadelphia.

Degrees and certificates will be awarded by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president.

Candidates for graduation include the following:

LEAKE COUNTY: Patricia A. Lewis, Toni Mesha Merchant, Amanda Moore, Jill Marie Ray, Dana Withers, Robert Moss, Ginger Ann Greer, Benita Ann Madden, Horace Nash, Brian Sistrunk, Stacy Baker, Patrick Bacon, Laura Gill, Donna J. Tubby, Barbara A. Fulton, Harley Hollingsworth, Youlanda Langdon, Amanda Sanders, Justin Thornton, Jason C. Wade, Madonna Watkins, Christopher P. Stewart, Solphia Dawn Sanders, Shad Sanders, Cheryl Harrell, Davy Coleman and Desmaond L. Reed, all of Carthage; Kathy L. Brooks, Linda Lea Gilbert, April Watkins, Amy Spears and Barry Denson, all of Lena; David Jones, Thelma Barton, Regena Marie McCraw, Shuleet Norman, Amy Elizabeth Gomillion, Alex Lorenzo Gill, Kashona L. McCarty and Theresa Gill, all of Walnut Grove; and Jessica Jordan, Edinburg.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Amy B. Bobo, Tressie M. Charlie, Robert Brian Hardy, Ginger Stovall, LaWanda Coleman, Christie Ray Fulton, Chasity Warren, Peggy Alford Branning, Jennifer Lee, Dawn Nelson, Melanie J. Patterson, Yvonne H. Nowell, Tina Herron Salter, Terry Smith, David Huffman, Ken Judon, Ashley S. Allard, Lisa Dawn Beeland, Sandra Chisolm, Paula J. Crawford, Carmen Evans, Randy Dale Howell, Victoria Diamond Hundley, Penny White, TaRita Williamson, Elijah Ben, Davis Thomas Fulton, Bianca Shauntay Jim, Crystal Lewis, Connie Donald Moore, Toronda Wilson, Rosa York, Zachary Sanders, Jason Alford, Attaila J. Amos, Donnie C. Atkinson, Rusty Cumberland, Ryan Cumberland, Ryan Gilmer, Prisinda DeAnne Isaac, Denise John, Christopher Lewis, Phyllis A.

McMillan, Brock H. Phillips, Derek Russell, Quanta Hill, Felisha R. Bennett, Amanda Burks, Shanna Dyann Dees, Rhonda Audine Fox, Natalie Smith, Jarrod Taylor, Pachasia L. Thompson, Norma Jean Bacon, Cyrus Ben, Timothy Boswell, Aaron Emerson, John Fitzgerald, Benjamin J. Fulton, Chenise Horne, Stephen D. Jenkins, Betty L. Jones, Autumn Townsend, Kara Loper and James Seth McCoy, all of Philadelphia; Kristie Pilgrim, Robyn D. Johnson, David L. Ezell, Ruth C. Franklin, Stephanie Peebles, Penny P. Sharp, Crystal Germany, Jennifer L. McDaniel, Leslie Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Billy Singleton, Jr., Kenneth Thrash, Stephanie R. Joyner, Rhett C. Rivers, all of Union; and James Roy Sanderson, Preston.

NEWTON COUNTY: Angela Dunkerson, Charles Mingo Tingle, Adria Rachelle Stamper, Emily E. Bullock, Amanda Garrioso, Christen Brooke Knight, Josh Bamberg, Detra Carter, Joey Lang, Charles T. Pierce, Perez Willis, Joslyn Mapp, Brian D. Green, Rebecca Ann Addy, John Burel Everett, Mary H. Everett, Michelle L. Lee, Natasha Mathis and Michael Cutway, all of Decatur; Flora Nicole Hodge, Janice Adkins, Terri Denise Fleming, Elvie L. Allen, Deanna Bankston, Robert Earl Daniels, April Jones, Sandra M. Trash, Jason Jones, Michael E. Lee, Suzanne Jones and Connie Roland, all of Union; Sha Alderman, Stephen C. May, Julie Clanton, Stephanie McLemore and Denise Abel, all of Lawrence; Valerie McMullan, Gregory E. McBride, Annette B. Chapman, Amber M. Grady, Miriam Rivers, Dale Evans Perez, Robin Denise Overstreet, Shannon Lindsey, Dwyane H. Dunkerson, Mary Shelton, Rufus Husband, Krystal Harrison, Heather Munn, Teresa R. Walker, Uwe Dotzauer, Tory Evans, Jermaine M. Jones, Patricia Moore, Deric Thompson, Stephen W. Harris, Shaquania Huddleston, Kiwana Norman, Shanta D. Smith, Tamekia L. Surrell, Richard P. Blackburn, Amberly P. Bounds, Kaye Cates, Holly K. Hamrick, Timothy L. Huddleston, Eric Weaver, Jason Griffin, and Charles Richardson, all of Newton; Amy Yates, and Marie Williams, both of Lake; Georgia M. Chaney, Nona Tucker, Janet Leigh Harrison, Lori Ferguson, Candace Sheila Oliver and Pamela Ann Luke, all of Little Rock; Linda Hill, Hillary W. Johnson, Elray V. King, and Melanie Stephens Billy, all of Conehatta; Christie Machelle McGee, Marissa McGee, Tammy Walker, Stephanie Suzanne Craig, Kristie La Toya Temple, James Glen Hansford, William J. Smith and Anna Kerr Cain, all of Hickory; and Darrell S. Embrey, Chunky.

Scott County: Kelly Bates, Teresa V. Sharp, Eddie Johnston, Marcus T. Johnson, Troye Lynn Bradshaw, Mary Lisa Dearman, Howard Kevin Hayman, Misty L. McCurdy, Ashlea Lynn Renfro, Ted Chris Anthony, Phyllis Armstrong, David Scott Hollingsworth, Jacob Michael Jenkins, Laura E. Boyd, Bradley Measells and Craig Clifford, all of Morton; Amy Latham Lena; Mavis Johnson, Susan Gail Amis, Janette Grant, Ronald D. Permenter, Paul Dewayne Pryor, Jr., Sharonda N. Hudson, Diane Spencer, Joni Deanne French, Nelson G. Wells, Pamela B. Newton, Wanda Taylor, Darrell L. Young, Frank B. Morgan III, Michelle Denise McCoy, Vickie Rowena McGee, Sarah Whitesell, Christopher Haralson, Suzanne Warren, Lynn Sherie Bradford, Brian Shaw, Christopher VanEtten, Catina Graham, Timothy T. Mitchell, Marilyn Reed, Candy McCormick, Rebecca Vincent, Angela White, Jason Driskell, Marcia Ferrell, Christopher Thompson, D'Arcy Stowers, Fran Jones and Toronto L. Parker, all of Forest; Donald H. Faulkner, Hillsboro; Carolyn Richardson, Nonya Shaw, Krisan L. Risher, Kaye P. Lang and Floyd Mosley, all of Sebastopol; Lesley E. Weems, Kristy C. Leach, Dan Gressett, Alexander Lee, Tracy Patrick, Cheryl Watkins and Julie Laird, all of Lake; Nickey Underwood and Stephen Mack Stubbs, both of Walnut Grove; and Felicia Parkman, Pulaski.

Winston County: Stephanie Childress, Shela G. Massey, Amy Wilkes, Edwin Joe Moore, William Michael McAdory, Amy Brooks Dunaway, Leslie Angela Swindle and Rodney Leon Mason, all of Noxapater; and Marlena Renae Eaves, Amanda L. Bates, Henry Cistrunk, Cedric Coleman, Gabriel Allen Watts, Jennifer Bateman, Adrienne Pickett, Brenda J. Stokes, Kamonica Lashai Craig, James C. Flake, Bradley Sullivan, Christal G. VanLandingham, Justin Miles, Pamela R. Goss, Jason Hailey, Michael Antonio Hathorn, Melvin Knowles, Rod Moore, Jenny Moore Ming, Jeremy Nowell, Justin Nowell, Lucas Nowell, Heather Jennings, Angel D. Taylor; Melinda Henry Eaves, Michael Antonio Dawkins, Kendrick Stennis and Gaydon Richardson, all of Louisville.

Attala County: Angie England, Sallis and James T. Mangram, Kosciusko.

Clarke County: James Stewart, Shubuta; Kevin M. Dyess, Quitman; and Robert Kevin Singleton, Enterprise.

Hinds County: Catherine Kathea Andrews, Bolton.

Jasper County: Barron Horn, Bay Springs.

Kemper County: Amy E. Smith, Preston.

Lauderdale County: Geneva Houston, Jamie Hamil, Sonya R. Curry, Sheneatha Dooley, Taneisha Williams, Lukeivn Chambers, Clifton L. Johnson, Lizanne Hopkins Fowler, Anthony Chambers, Harold Hollingsworth, Fred Summerville, Jr., Gatretta Adams, Richelle L. Givens, Barbara Brown, Willie J. Grace, Racquel Q. Sanders and Derrell M. Summerville, all of Meridian; Marion M. Croft, Chunky; Murray Smith, Mehan; and Kenneth Allen Coulliette, Toomsaba.

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Oktibbeha County: Kimberly Wilson, Starkville.

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Students recognized at Awards Day ceremonies

East Central Community College held Awards Day on May 7, to recognize honor students in academic, vocational and technical areas. Vocational students receiving awards include:

Gary Langley, cabinet making; Christopher Thomas, carpentry; Dorothy Holdiness, cosmetology; Michael Hathorn, welding, brazing and soldering; Kimberly R. Burton, licensed practical nursing and vocational student of the year.

Award recipients in the Technical areas included the following:

D'Arcy M. Stowers, Collision Repair; Michael W. Joiner, Automotive; Lori L. Ferguson, Child Development; Regina McCraw, Computer; David R. Gilmer, Electrical; Jennifer A. McDaniel, Electronics; Michael E. Lee, Heating and Air Conditioning; James T. Ridout, Machine Shop; Harley J. Hollingsworth, O. L. Newell Drafting; Melissa A. Brand, Surgical Technology; and Harley J. Hollingsworth, Technical Student of the Year.

Recipients in the Special Awards category are:

Brian Hardy, Citizenship; Deanna L. Bankston, Tom-Tom; Carrie B. Griffith, Wo-He-Lo; Vanessa M. Sanders, Wo-He-Lo; Emily Bullock, ECCC Players; John M. Donovan, ECCC Singers (male); Sheila Oliver, ECCC Singers (female); Melissa T. Bennett, ECCC Gospel Choir; Alex L. Gill, Gospel Choir; Marcus M. Jones, Gospel Choir; LeVar J. Robinson, Gospel choir; Deanna Bankston, L. B. Simmons History; Elijah W. Ben, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Kenneth E. Thrash, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Non-Traditional Education;

Amanda D. Miles, Kappa Kappa Iota; Scicile D. Wilkerson, Mathematics; Kenneth D. McMillon, S. Lebrun Hutchinson; Philip G. Smith, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Rhonda D. Fox, MBEA Student Award; Deanna L. Bankston, Secondary Education; Adria R. Stamper, Delta Kappa Gamma; Mitzi B. Nicholson, Spanish; Denise Willis, ADN Outstanding Achievement, first year; Melissa D. Hawkins, second year;

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National Collegiate Student Government award. She was also selected as a beauty in the 1998 ECCC Beauty Review and was included in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, as well as being an All-USA Academic Team Member.

One who nominated her said, "Amy is a superior student who has served in many roles at East Central. She deserves Hall of Fame recognition." The pre-pharmacy major has maintained a 4.00 GPA at East Central.

Krisan Risher is the daughter of Shot and Tam Risher of Sebastopol. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA in accounting while at East Central. In addition, she has been very active in extracurricular activities. She serves as President of Phi Beta Lambda and treasurer of the Student Body Association.

She is a member of the Peer Tutorial Club, Mu Alpha Theta, the Fashion Squad, and Students in Free Enterprises. In addition, she is active in Phi Theta Kappa and the Warrior Corps. Krisan was selected as a Homecoming Maid for her freshman and sophomore year as well as a Beauty in the annual Beauty Review.

She was also selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. One of those nominating Krisan for this honor stated, "Krisan represents all the qualities of a Hall of Fame member at East Central Community College. While maintaining a 4.0 GPA, she is heavily involved in extracurricular activities and has represented East Central well in many events. Her sweet and sincere character along with her positive attitude makes her the type of student East Central can be proud of."

Pennington; Lakendrick T. Clancy, Jefferson Clayton Rowell, William C. Curry, Jr., and Delvin Martinis Rainer, all of Tuscaloosa; and Mark O'Neal Thomas, Northport.

Florida: Kenny Kelly, Panama City.

Georgia: Danielle Johnson, Helena; and Gilberto Venzen, Eastman.

North Carolina: Jonathan Kelly, Charlotte.

Texas: Kelly DeAnn McGriff, Jefferson.

Faculty Memorial Wards presented included the following:

Rhett C. Rivers, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Donnie R. Fletcher, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; Johusa J. Bamberg, Robert G. Fick Memorial; Lori C. Darsey, Frank Edwin and Nina Holt Leatherwood Biological Science; Cody B. Fisher, J. Andy Miller, Freshman Engineering; Julie M. Laird, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology (two-year program); Betina Latiker, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic; Emily E. Bullock, HEAD-WAE.

Students receive awards for Student Government included:

Amy E. Gomillion, Kamonica Craig, Paula J. Crawford and Krisan L. Risher, SBA Officers; Brian L. Sistrunk, Suzanne Warren, Vickie R. McGee and Raland J. Burkes, Sophomore Class Officers; Philip G. Smith, Ragan D. Mitchell, Crystal G. Gee and Jennifer A. Pace, Freshman Class Officers; Jerry L. Gressett, Amanda L. Moore, Celeste N. Staton and Sarah J. Whitesell, Scholars Bowl Team; Amy E. Gomillion and Brian T. Shaw, 1997 All Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges.

1998 fall semester advance registration

Advance registration for the 1998 fall semester began Monday, April 20, 1998 and will continue through Friday, May 8. Any student who is presently enrolled is strongly encouraged to register during this time period.

Advance registration gives the student the opportunity to select the classes he/she would like to take and gives the student the choice of periods.

It also makes it possible for the student to pay the remaining fees during the summer months and return to campus to meet class on Aug. 17, 1998, the first day of regularly scheduled classes.

To advance register, a student will be assessed a \$50

registration fee. If a student is receiving a documented scholarship, the \$50 registration fee can be deferred until August. This \$50 advance registration fee will be applied toward the tuition charge to attend East Central Community College for the fall semester.

The student needs to complete the following steps in the following order:

- Step #1 Report to the advisor to plan schedule.
- Step #2 Report to the Student Services Office to enter basic data.
- Step #3 Report to the Admissions Office to enter schedule in the computer.
- Step #4 Report to the Business Office to complete advance registration.

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Fordice signs 'Zero Tolerance Bill'

Note: The following is a statement from Commissioner Jim Ingram concerning the enforcement of the "Zero Tolerance Bill" recently signed by Gov. Kirk Fordice.

The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol will actively and strenuously enforce House Bill 990 when it becomes effective July 1, 1998. It is a bill designed to protect our young people and it is not only our duty but our responsibility to carry out its mandate.

"House Bill 990 is called the "Zero Tolerance Bill", and that's exactly the way it will be enforced by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol", said Mr. Ingram. If teenagers drink and drive and are caught, they will suffer the consequences. We urge all parents of teenagers, all school administrators and teachers, all church leaders and anyone else who has influence with teenagers to begin now to stress the fact that the level of tolerance has dropped to zero."

Commissioner Ingram stated, "This is the law. . . and it will be enforced by all law enforcement officers charged with the public safety. All of us will be working together to protect the people of Mississippi."

The bill, passed by both the House and Senate and signed by the Governor, reduces the blood alcohol content (BAC) for teenagers under the Implied Consent Law to just two one-hundredths percent (0.2%). This new standard will apply to anyone under the age of 21. This means anyone in this age bracket who drinks as little as two cans of beer could be. . . and will be. . . cited under the DUI laws of Mississippi.

Under this new law, even for a first offense, a teenager could lose his or her license for up to three months, pay a \$250 fine and be compelled to attend an alcohol safety education program and even be forced to attend a victim impact meeting. Second and third offenses bring

even harsher penalties.

This new law is especially important in the light of a new study which showed that while the overall driver death rate declined during the period 1975-96 the death rate for 16 year olds in that same period increased almost 55%. The death rate for all teenagers continues to remain significantly higher than among older drivers.

The total figures for 1997 are not yet available but we do know that 811 people were killed in traffic accidents in Mississippi in 1996. That's a 49% increase over the number killed in the state in 1975.

More than 46% of the traffic accidents in Mississippi in 1996 involved drivers who had been drinking. The second largest number of people killed in those accidents were between the ages of 16 and 20. Hopefully this new law will be a major stepping stone in the reduction of those numbers.

Pictures of these individuals will be housed in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

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Sports



ECCC All-Stars

Lady Warriors Nicole Barrett (left) of Morton and Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, represented East Central Community College in the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Basketball Games held at Choctaw Central High School on April 2. Barrett pumped in 14 points and Floyd added six in leading the South squad to an easy 86-54 victory. This year's contest was sponsored for the first time by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Silver Star Resort and Casino and East Central Community College.



ECCC All-Star

Gilberto Venzen (right) of Eastman, Ga., represented East Central Community College in the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Basketball Games held at Choctaw Central High School near Philadelphia on April 2. Venzen scored five points for the South squad which fell 114-99 to the North All-Stars. The sophomore standout is shown receiving an All-Star award from Dr. Randall Bradberry, Director of Affiliated Activities for the MACJC. This year's event was sponsored for the first time by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Silver Star Resort and Casino and East Central Community College.

Centralette tryouts held

New members of the Centralette danceline for the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band have been announced by Thomas W. Carson, Director of Bands. Selections were made following tryouts held on the Decatur Campus.

Those chosen include Jennifer Bounds of Scott Central; Jennifer Guyse, Jessica Guyse and Heather Hamilton, all of Newton; Thais Brantley and Jenni Evans, both of Leake Academy; Heather Warren of Morton; Crystal Cooley of Newton County; Robyn Watts and Celeste Staton, both of Union; Kara Stampley of Newton County Academy; and Andrea Odom of Forest.

Returning members include Kristi Jones, Bethany Laird, Leslie Carter and Lori Darsey, all of Newton County; Layla Peoples of Newton; Danna Dye of Morton; Natalie Vowell of Winston Academy; Courtney

Wilcher and Teresa Moore, both of Edinburg; Ronit Frey and Corrin Chambliss, both of Louisville; and Misti Harrell of Scott Central.

The Centralettes perform at

half-time of the Warrior football games.

For more information contact Carson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 228.

1998-99 Financial Aid Deadlines and Application Information

Students who will be attending college in 1998-99 must apply for financial aid now. Applications and other information are available in the ECCC Financial Aid Office.

Deadlines:

MTAG/MESG deadline-Sept. 15, 1998

William Winter Teacher Scholar Loan Program-April 20, 1998

Applications:

Free application for Federal Student Aid in 1998-99

MTAG/MESG application/contract for 1998-99

William Winter Teacher Scholar Loan Program

Application and Contract for 1998-99

Other Information: The Student Guide for 1998-99 (from the U. S. Department of Education)

The Source Book (A Guide to State Student Financial Aid Programs)

Reminder: All students must reapply each year for each type of aid!

Being head coach is 'dream come true' for Underwood

Ever since he was a ninth grade football player at Seminary High School, Terry Underwood knew he wanted a career as a head football coach. Now, 15 years after serving the role of an assistant, Underwood's wish has come true as the 36-year-old was recently named to the head coaching position at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Underwood succeeds Willie "Tenny" Coats who announced his retirement following a successful coaching career on the college and high school levels. Underwood spent 14 years as assistant to Coats who led the Warriors the past three seasons, compiling and overall mark of 19 wins and 12 losses. Coats and his staff put together the most successful back-to-back seasons ever recorded at East Central, as the Warriors went 10-1 in 1996 and 7-3 last fall. The '96 squad defeated Middle Georgia College 7-6 in the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Classic and finished the season ranked fifth in the nation.

The Warrior head mentor eagerly accepts his new role.

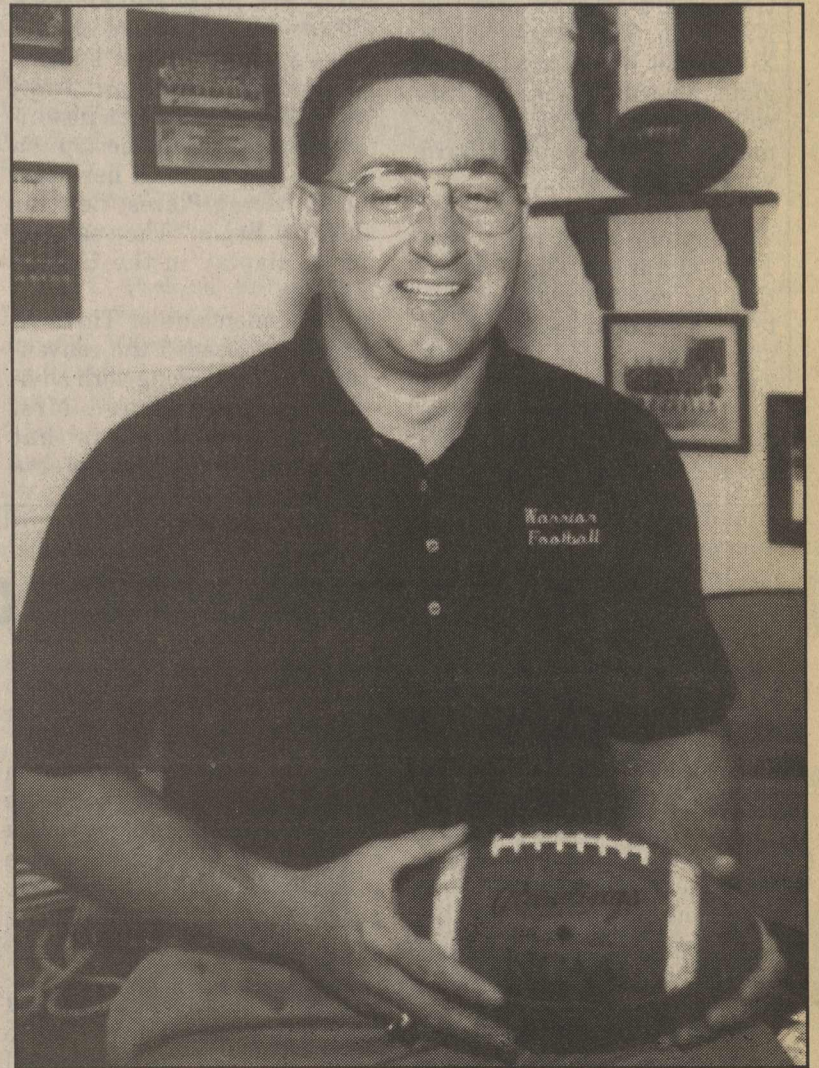
"I am very excited to have this opportunity. My wife, Carrie, and our Children, Levi, Cali, and Trest, love Decatur, and the people here have been good to us. I really like East Central and the relationship I have with the administration, faculty and staff. I don't think a lot of people know how fortunate we are here at East Central. It's a 'we' thing here; we all support each other and that's very important. I feel very honored to have this opportunity and look forward to the challenge of trying to maintain a good program," Underwood said.

He added, "To be head coach is exciting and even more so at this level, because I was a junior college product (Jones County) and I personally like this level a whole lot. In community and junior colleges you have the best of both worlds. You still have the chance to watch high school games and if your children are involved in sports at that level, you have the chance to watch them play, and you can also attend senior college games. The juco level is a great area to be involved in and is one that will continue to be strong. The junior college league was here a long time before I played in it and it will be here a long time after I retire," Underwood said.

Mississippi is regarded as one of the best producers of community/junior college football talent, a role Underwood feels that most of the state's high school student-athletes do not realize.

"I don't think our Mississippi kids know how lucky they are. We have athletes from Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida calling us every day asking for a chance to play junior college football here because it's not offered in those areas. Each year we have an average of 35 to 45 kids not only in our five-county district but at all the state's junior colleges who have the opportunity to participate in football. That is something special to me, and I hope our high school athletes understand and appreciate this situation," Underwood stated.

As head coach, Underwood has assumed a different role than served as an assistant. The former defensive coordinator and special teams coach now moves to the offensive side of the ball where he will direct the offensive line, an area not entirely new for Underwood who was a standout lineman in high school, junior college and Delta State University. Joining Underwood on offenses will be the recently hired Todd Mangum, former head coach at Collins High School, who will coach quarterbacks and running backs, and Steve Kelly, former PRC assistant, who's responsible for linebackers and special teams. Tim Coats returns to the ECCC staff, but the former defensive backs coach will now



Terry Underwood

serve as defensive coordinator. Frederick Lyons also returns as defensive line coach. Another yet named assistant will be in charge of tight ends and wide receivers.

Although he believes in letting his coaches "coach" as did his former boss Willie Coats, Underwood, who describes himself as a "hands-on coach" will still know "what's going on" in each area.

"What I've got to learn, although I've never been in this position, is to distribute responsibility, which was one of the biggest strengths of Coach Coats. He didn't intimidate or look over his assistants' shoulders every minute. If something wasn't being done the way he wanted, he would meet with them and talk about the situation. I will be the same way and want my assistants to be responsible for their respective areas and make suggestions about any other areas in addition to carrying out our philosophy in all aspects of the game," Underwood said.

The Coats-Underwood relationship has obviously been a special one for the new head coach, who turns 37 in May. Coats resigned at age 62.

"I think the world of Coach Coats. I have a lot of respect for him and we have a very cordial, trustful and loyal relationship. He relied on me and I relied on him. It has been a great relationship that we've had the last 14 years; he is a fair man, a good Christian man and a very good football coach. He is also a highly, highly competitive person. I just hope I can take those attributes and use them myself with our players," Underwood said.

Underwood recalled he was a lineman at Jones when he first met Coach Coats who at that time served as defensive coordinator and track coach at Delta State University. Jones had won the state football title during Underwood's freshman year in 1979, and the Bobcats fell to the Bulldogs for the state championship the following year.

"We had a very good team and about 25 of us continued our athletic careers at other colleges and universities. Coach Coats recruited me in football and track and that is how we first got connected," Underwood said. Underwood excelled in both sports at DSU, and won the shot put championship in the Gulf South Conference.

When Underwood completed his athletic career at DSU, he remained at the college as a graduate assistant coach and also completed his master's degree. Underwood later joined

Coats when he took over the Hattiesburg High School football program where they worked together for six years. After that stint, Underwood went to Jones as defensive coordinator and Coats was named head coach at Pearl River. A year later the two coaches were reunited at PRC and remained so for three years until they came to East Central in the spring of 1995.

In addition to the coaching experience Underwood has received as Coats' top assistant, he said he has also learned a great deal about recruiting. Underwood said he also hopes to continue a successful recruiting program, especially regarding the signing of in-district players.

"Typically, the head coach recruits the district but all of us really overlap each other in this area. The head coach stays in regular contact with the district coaches and athletes and I will do the same. I was previously responsible for Tuscaloosa County, Alabama (regarded as part of the ECCC District) but now Coach Tim Coats will recruit that area. Our new coaches will be assigned to help both of us overlap when it comes to recruiting players but I think it is very important for me as head coach to maintain close ties in our district and also be involved as needed in other areas of recruiting. The best recruiting tools we have are the athletes we coach and the positive things they say about our program," Underwood said.

What kind of football can Warrior fans expect during the Underwood era?

"We plan to be a disciplined team, a team that is not going to make a lot of mistakes. We want to be a smart football team on both sides of the ball. We must take care of the little things, then the big things will come. We plan to be a hard-nosed, physical team, a team that is really going to hit folks and run to the ball on defense, and block and execute on offense.

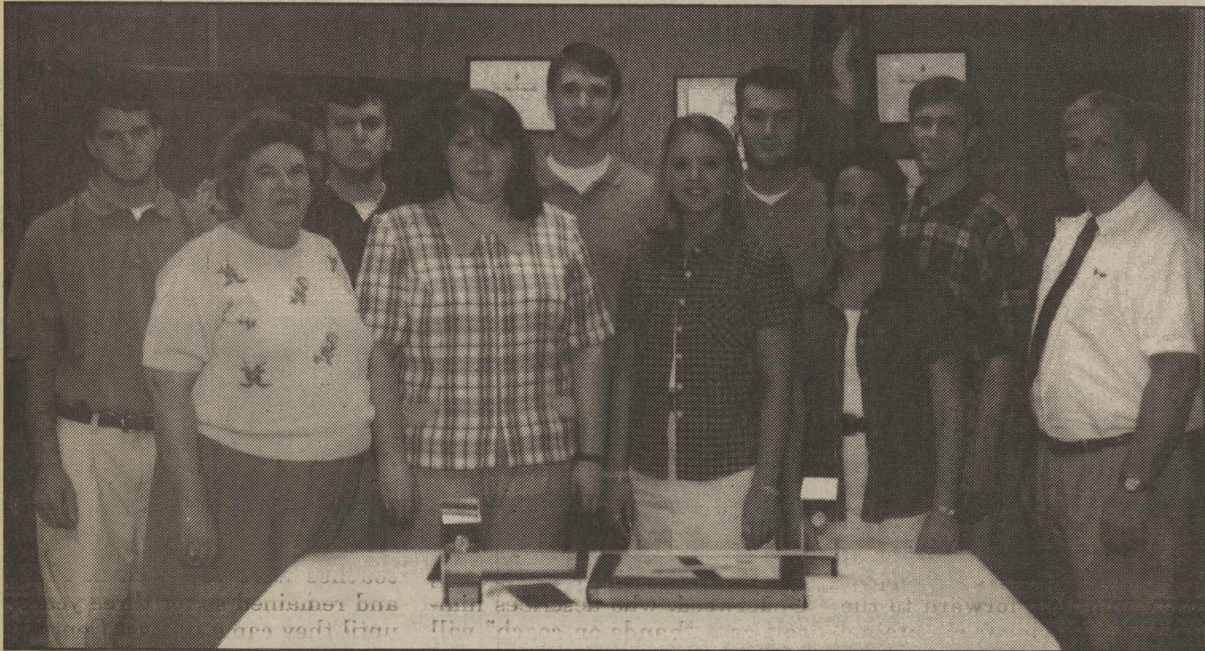
We have to be a team that plays with great effort and enthusiasm. To be successful, in my opinion, we must be good on defense, have a very good kicking game and offensively take care of the ball, and score enough points to win. If we do all those things, we will be able to meet our goals," Underwood stated.

The Warriors begin 1998 action on Thursday, Sept. 3 against Northwest Miss. Community College. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Senatobia campus. East Central starts home action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 with Itawamba Community College.



ECCC President's Council

Members of the 1998 Presidents' Council at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective organizations include (seated, from left) Brian Hardy of Philadelphia, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Angela Hays of Carthage, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD); Richard Blackburn of Newton County Academy, Warrior Corps; ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith; ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee; Amanda Moore of Carthage, Newsome Hall; Casey May of Forest, Men's Dormitory Council; Stephanie Spangler of Beulah Hubbard, Health Occupational Students of America; (second row, from left) Brian Shaw of Forest, Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Epsilon; Adria Stamper of Newton County Academy, Diamond Girls; Ashlea Renfroe of Morton, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau; Deanna Bankston of Union, Fashion Squad; Sherie Bradford of Scott Central, The Tom Tom; Amy Gomillion of Leake Academy, Student Body Association; Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, Students in Free Enterprise and Mu Alpha Theta; TaRita Williamson of Neshoba Central, Sheila Coleman of Nanih Waiya, Jackson Hall; Emily Bullock of Newton County, ECCC Players; Cheryl Watkins of Lake, EC Band, Donna Tubby of Carthage, Association of Student Nurses; Michelle Lee of Decatur, Adult Warrior Corps; and (back row, from left) Michael Scarbrough of Neshoba Central, Cheerleaders; Josh Bamberg of Newton County, Collegians; Harold Hollingsworth of Meridian, VICA; Brian Sistrunk of Carthage, Sophomore Class; Zach Sanders of Neshoba Central, Student Education Association; Ken Thrash of Union, New Directions; Brooke Griffith, Wo-He-Lo and Holly Hamrick, Ac'cents, both of Newton; Laura Tadlock of Lake, Peer Tutorial Club; Mike Donovan of Enterprise, Concert Choir; Joseph Tucker of Forest, Baptist Student Union; and Philip Smith of Philadelphia, Freshman Class. These students serve as presidents of various campus organizations and meet monthly to discuss activities and provide better communication between students and organizations and the President's Office.



Receive Phi Theta Kappa Honors

Various honors were presented to East Central Community College Phi Theta Kappa chapter at the international honor society's annual convention recently held in Nashville, Tenn. Theta Xi was one of only 10 chapters to be awarded the Eichling and Fellowship Hallmark awards, and one of 25 recipients of the Distinguished Chapter Award. Overall points earned by ECCC in the four hallmarks - Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship - ranked Theta Xi twelfth among all chapters participating in the Hallmark competition and first among organizations in the Mississippi/Louisiana region. Individual honors were presented to Brian Shaw of Forest, Distinguished Chapter President Award; and Amy Spears of Lena, George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award. Only 25 awards in each category were presented this year. Theta Xi members who attended the annual convention included (first row, from left) Mrs. Ann Burkes, advisor; Spears; Amy Gomillion, Walnut Grove; Dannette Brown, Carthage; and Dr. Shelby Harris, advisor; second row, Shaw; Brad Walley, Hillsboro; Justin Miles, Louisville; Rhett Rivers, Union; and Philip Smith, Philadelphia. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges with over 1200 chapters in all 50 states, Canada, Germany and U.S. territories abroad.



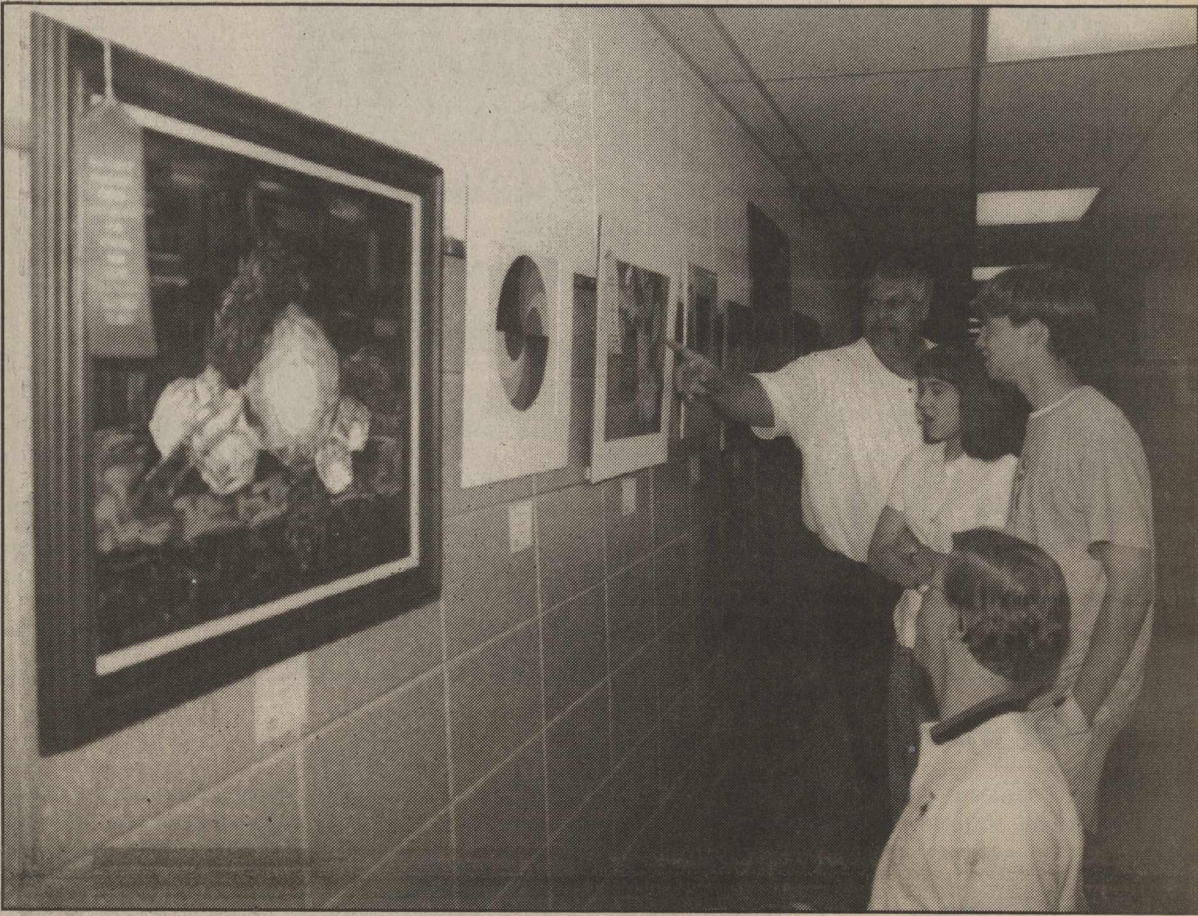
ECCC HOSA winners

These students in the Licenced Practical Nursing program at East Central Community College received honors recently during the Central District HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Competition held at Meridian Community College and will advance to the state level. Students and their respective competitions included (first row, from left) Kelvin Knowles of Louisville, Medical Math and HOSA Bowl Team; LuAnn Gould of Morton, Gerontology Knowledge Test and Extemporaneous Speaking State Competition; Stephanie Spangler of Little Rock, HOSA Bowl Team; Brenda Apperson of Philadelphia, Gerontology Knowledge Test and Extemporaneous Writing; Linda Tucker of Philadelphia, Nutrition Knowledge Test and Creative Problem Solving Team; Gwen Hickman of Louisville, Nurse Assisting and Job Seeking Skills; (second row, from left) Kim Burton of Union, Creative Problem Solving Team; Becky Henderson of Forest, Creative Problem Solving Team; Brenda Holder of Newton, Nutrition Knowledge Test and the Creative Problem Solving Team; Carrie Perkins of Walnut Grove, Extemporaneous Writing; and (back row, from left) Jessica Cooley of Little Rock, Researched Persuasive Speaking; Jennifer Covington of Philadelphia, Pathophysiology Knowledge Test and Creative Problem Solving Team; Lindy Pace of Newton, Nutrition Knowledge Test and Creative Problem Solving Team; and Brad McNair of Union, Pathophysiology Knowledge Test. Not pictured are Joyce Basset of Forest, Gerontology Knowledge Test; Brandi Bounds of Forest, HOSA Bowl Team; and Mae Manus of Louisville, HOSA Bowl Team.



Present recital

The East Central Community College music department recently held its spring sophomore musical recital in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts auditorium on the Decatur campus. Participants included (from left) ECCC vocal instructor Ross Price, Shelia Oliver of Newton County, Sarah Whitesell of Forest, Jessica Jordan of Edinburg, Brandi Duncan (freshman) of Neshoba Central, Jason Alford of Philadelphia, Elijah Ben of Choctaw Central, Michael Donovan of Enterprise, and keyboard instructor Leesa Wilkinson. Not pictured is Detra Carter of Newton County. For more information about the ECCC Music Department contact Price, Wilkinson or band director Thomas W. Carson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111.



ECCC art admirers

Various forms of artwork have been on display in the Vickers Fine Arts Center lobby at East Central Community College in association with the annual Spring Art Exhibit. Shown admiring one of the illustrations are ECCC students (from left) Donnie Atkinson and Jennifer Alford, both of Philadelphia; Jason Cleveland, Hickory; and Casey May, Forest. In addition to artwork on display by students of instructor Bruce Guraedy, the exhibit features the talented creations of Todd and Marsha Eldridge of Decatur. The art exhibit continues through mid-May.

Theta Xi chapter recognized as Five Star Chapter

For the sixth consecutive year, East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college, has been recognized as a Five Star chapter. This level designates that the chapter has developed a comprehensive program designed to implement specific activities involving Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship, the four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa.

Theta Xi was recognized at the annual Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Awards Ceremony held Feb. 8 in Meridian. Activities were held at the Meridian Campus of Mississippi State University and the Holiday Inn Express. Meridian Community College's Nu Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted the event.

ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter was also awarded the Willie Mae Hamill Scrapbook Award for the most outstanding scrapbook and received a Brotherhood Award for work and activities with other chapters. The Theta Xi Review, the Chapter's monthly newsletter, was selected as one of the region's most outstanding publications.

A Service Hallmark winner, Theta Xi was honored for its participation in various college, community, regional and international service projects. The chapter participated in an AIDS Awareness campaign, the Adopt-A-Highway program and numerous campus activities.

The chapter received second place honors in the Scholarship Hallmark competition for activities designed to promote schol-

arship in elementary, secondary and post-secondary educational settings.

Theta Xi was also elected "President" of the MS/LA Region. The chapter will designate one member of Theta Xi to serve in this capacity.

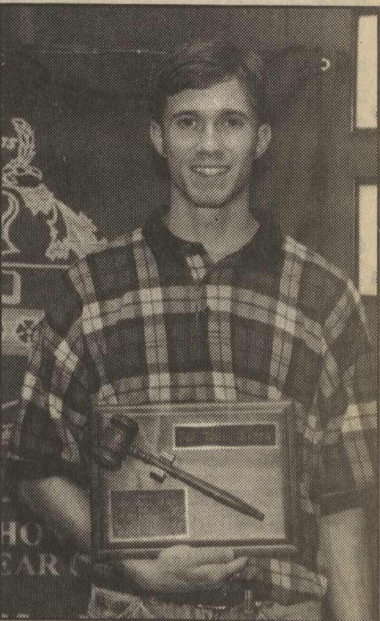
Also honored was Theta Xi advisor Dr. Shelby Harris who recently retired as an Advisory Committee member. The Advisory Committee, which is composed of five chapter advisors, assists the regional coordinator in planning activities.

The ceremony's most prestigious award went to Dr. Milton Matthews of Jackson who was chosen as Phi Theta Kappa's Most Distinguished Alumnus. Matthews, a Union native and alumnus of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter, was nominated for the significant contributions he has made to Phi Theta Kappa on the local, regional and international levels.

At a recent induction ceremony on the Decatur Campus, Dr. Matthews was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter for his service on the local level. "Anytime we have asked Dr. Matthews for his help on any project, he was willing to help," said Dr. Harris.

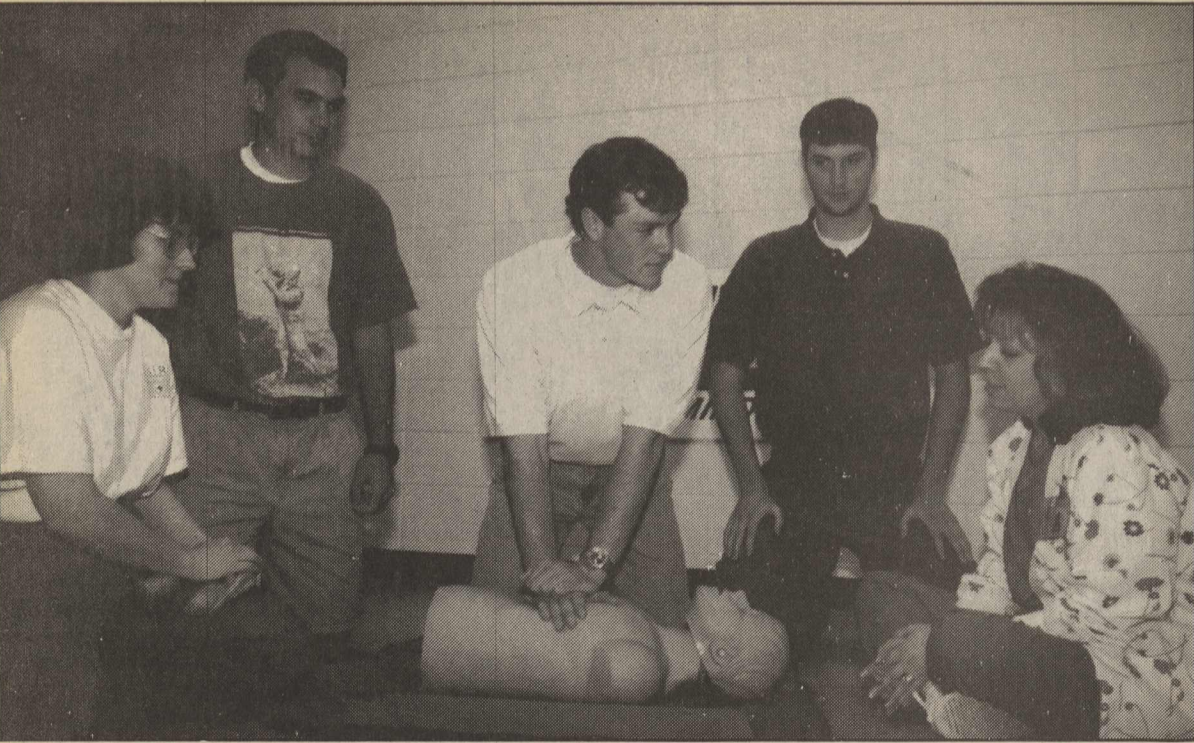
Dr. Harris and Ann Burkes, Theta Xi advisors, accompanied nine members to the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention which was held April 2-5 at the Opryland Hotel and Convention center in Nashville, Tenn. Convention activities included Educational Forums on all aspects of the society; the "Great Debate" between Ralph Reed and George Stephanopoulos;

and the announcement of Hallmark, Scrapbook, individual and chapter awards.



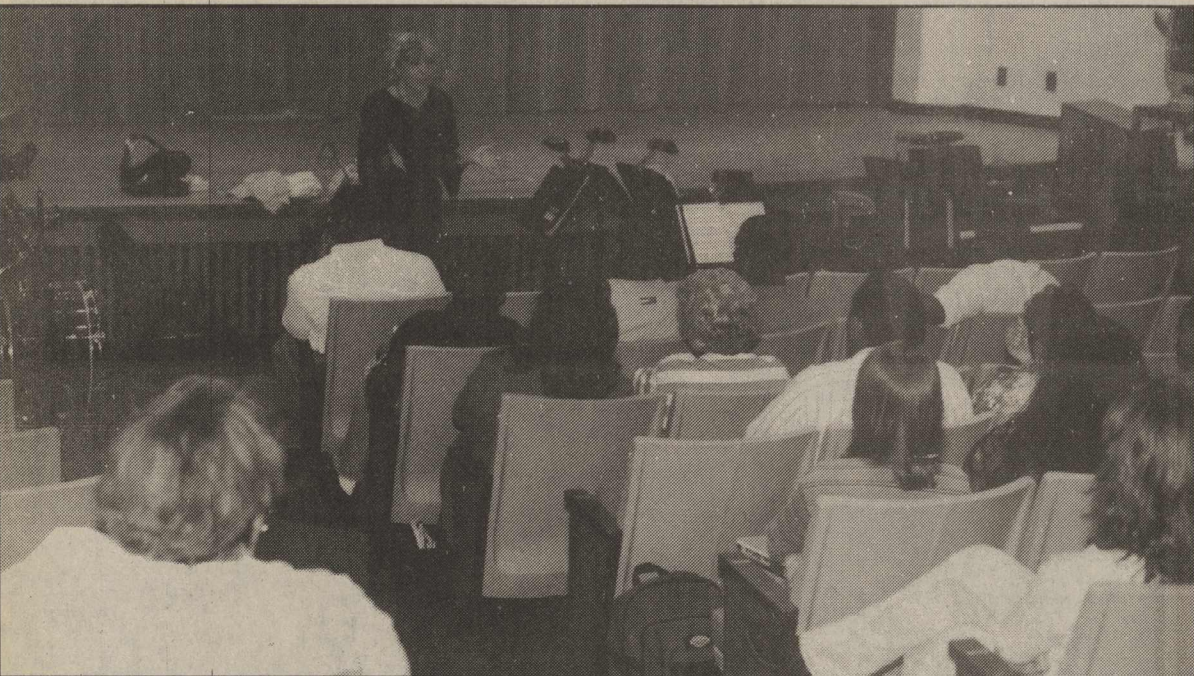
Honor Society president

Philip Smith of Philadelphia, a member of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was recently selected to serve as 1998-99 president of the Mississippi/Louisiana Region. Smith, a liberal arts major, was appointed to the prestigious office by the ECCC chapter which received the honor of naming region president among awards presented at the 1998 Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention held in Meridian. A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Smith is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James Smith of Philadelphia.



Learning CPR

East Central Community College freshman Zeb Cook of Carthage demonstrates proper CPR techniques under the watchful eyes of Laird Hospital registered nurses Rosemary Smith (left) and Beverly Keene who presented various life-saving measures as part of Lucille Wood's first aid class. Also pictured are sophomore class members (from left) Brad Sanders and Anthony Palokas, both of Carthage. The CPR demonstration is a regular feature of Miss Wood's class.



Priester speaks to ECCC

Leslie Lee Priester of the Care Lodge in Meridian recently spoke to East Central Community College students about abusive relationships. Care Lodge is a domestic shelter for abused spouses and children.

Spring Spree Week 1998

By AMY GOMILLION
The Tom Tom

The Student Council finalized plans for the annual Spring Spree Week. Events occurred during the week of April 27-30. This year's theme was "X Marks the Spot." A volleyball tournament was held during the first part of the week.

The Spring Formal was on Tuesday night from 9 until midnight, and the Catfish Cook-out/Crawfish Boil was from 4:45 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday. The Spring Spree games were conducted from 2:30 until 5 p.m. Thursday on the intramural field.

Teams consisted of six girls and six guys with each team naming themselves and having a faculty sponsor. As always, Spring Spree Week was loads of fun.



Hottttt! wings

Suzanne Warren of Leake Academy (left) and Heather Munn of Newton County try to help their team win the annual Hot Wings Contest. The contest, sponsored by the ECCC Student Body Association, was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria with the winning team receiving free pizzas from the student grill.

Spring classes scheduled

By NICKIE PEDEEN
The Tom Tom

East Central Community College has scheduled its summer classes. There will be day and evening classes in Decatur, Carthage, Forest, Morton, Louisville, and Philadelphia/Neshoba.

A special three week term will be held May 18-June 5. The first four week term will begin on Monday, June 8 and end on July 2. The second four week term will begin on Tuesday, July 7, and end on Friday, July 31.

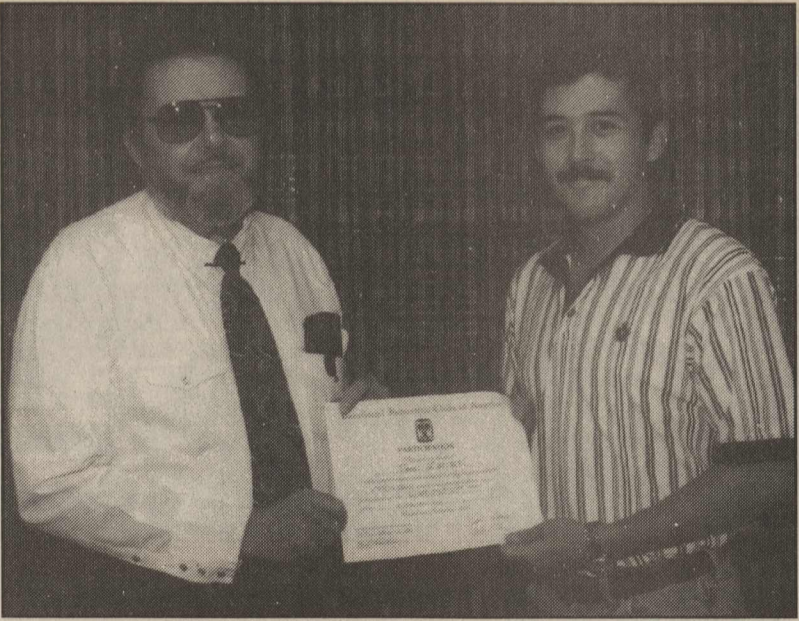
The cost for these classes is \$50 per academic hour. This money cannot be returned after one class meeting. Payment is due in full at time of registration. For more information write to:

Director of Admissions, Records and Research
East Central Community College
P. O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327



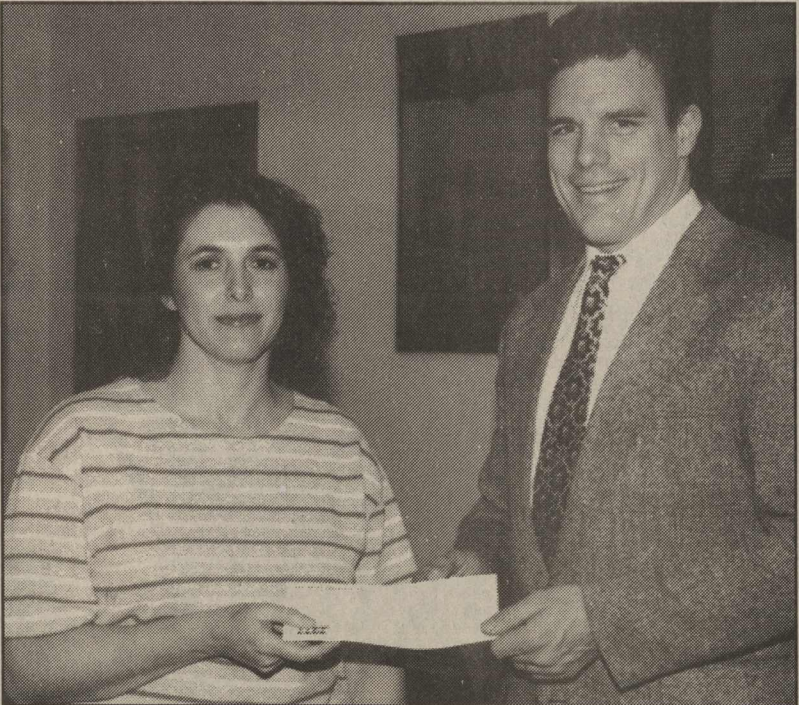
Receives scholarship

Gilberto Venzen (right), a standout performer the past two years on the East Central Community College men's basketball team, has signed a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career with Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. Venzen, shown with ECCC coach Marty Cooper, averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds this past season for the Warriors who finished with an 11-16 record. In recognition of his outstanding play, Venzen was selected an All-Star and first team All-Region 23. He is a product of Dodge County High School in Eastman, Ga.



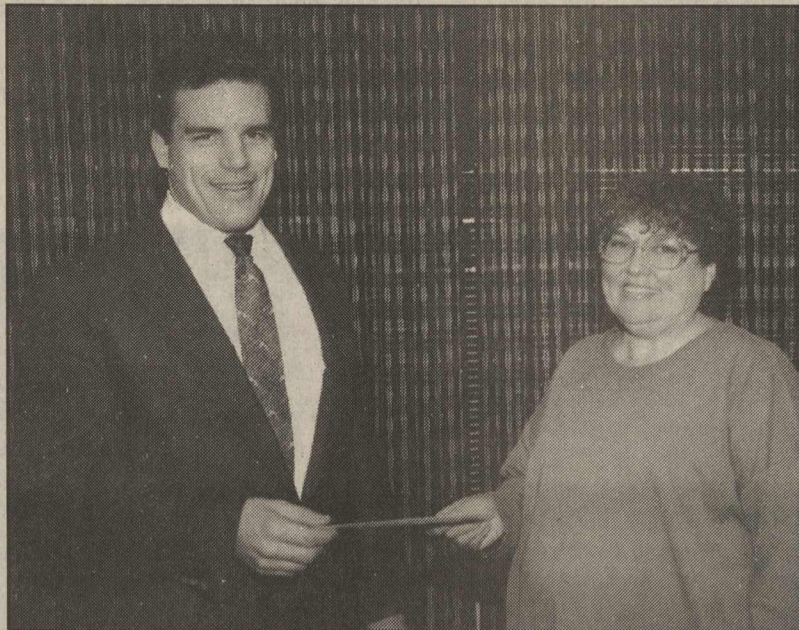
State VICA leader

East Central Community College freshman Tomi Mize (right) of Newton was recently elected state president of the Mississippi VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Chapter for the 1998-99 school year following elections held at the organization's state meeting on the Northwest Mississippi Community College campus in Senatobia. Prior to running for state office, Mize, whose major is heating and air conditioning technology, was required to complete both levels of a post-secondary professional development program. he is shown receiving a certificate of completion from Al Bailey, ECCC VIDS (Vocational Individualized Development System) instructor and VICA sponsor who provided assistance to the outstanding student in helping him qualify for the state position.



Lathem receives scholarship

Martha Jo Lathem of Sebastopol (left) recently received a Nontraditional Student scholarship to continue her education at East Central Community College. Lathem is majoring in elementary education at ECCC. Shown presenting the scholarship is Randall E. Lee, ECCC Dean of Students. Scholarships for nontraditional students are available to qualified Mississippi residents 23 years of age or older, at the time of enrollment, who enroll full-time at ECCC. The financial assistance is provided to for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 hours earned as either a part-time or full-time ECCC student. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204.



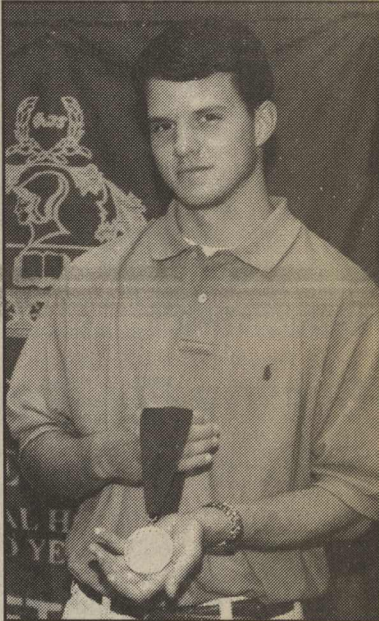
Receives scholarship

Brenda Apperson (right) of Philadelphia, a second semester freshman at East Central Community College, was recently presented a tuition scholarship designated for full-time nontraditional students. Apperson, a licensed practical nursing major, is shown receiving the award from Dean of Students Randall Lee. Scholarships for nontraditional students are available to qualified Mississippi residents 23 years of age or older, at the time of enrollment, who enroll full-time at ECCC. The financial assistance is provided for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time ECCC student. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext 204.



Spears honored

East Central Community College sophomore Amy Spears of Lena was presented the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award at the 1998 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention held recently in Nashville, Tenn. Spears, a member of the College's Theta Xi Chapter, was one of only 25 recipients representing the over 1200 Phi Theta Kappa organizations to receive the prestigious award. Individual honors were also presented to Brian Shaw of Forest who received the Distinguished Chapter President Award. In addition, Theta Xi receive the Eichling Yearbook Award, Distinguished Chapter Award and Fellowship Hallmark Award. Theta Xi is ranked twelfth among all chapters participating in the Hallmark competition and first among chapters in the Mississippi/Louisiana region. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as advisors. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges with chapters in all 50 states, Canada, Germany and U. S. Territories abroad.



Shaw honored

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★Children

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crimes. Regardless of their ages, the two boys were mature enough to plan and carry out the murders of four classmates and a teacher.

This is why we must pass laws that give states the right to give kids this young more severe punishments. If not, we will be sending a message for young people to do as much wrong as they want while they can still get away with it. I am not saying that we should sentence the kids to life, but releasing them when they turn 18 is too lenient for that malicious crime.

The following summer orientation dates have been established:

- Honors Orientation: Thursday, June 11
(24+ ACT, Star Students, Valedictorians and Salutatorians)
Orientation - 1: Saturday, June 20
Orientation - 2: Thursday, July 2
Orientation - 3: Wednesday, July 15
Orientation - 4: Saturday, August 8

USM wants to put college-educated police officers on the streets

Hattiesburg — The University of Southern Mississippi will help implement a new federal program aimed at putting college-educated police officers on the streets of local Mississippi communities.

The Mississippi Department of Public Safety will serve as the lead agency for the Police Corps Program, but the university will create and administer the program under an initial Department of Justice grant of more than \$1 million and be responsible for recruiting and training the first class of 40 cadets.

"We're excited about this opportunity to work with the state of Mississippi to bring about this innovative program," said university President Horace Fleming. "As law enforcement becomes more complicated and sophisticated, officers need more skills and more education than ever before."

Successful graduates of the rigorous, 16-week training program must agree to work four years as a community police officer for a local or state law enforcement agency in Mississippi. In addition to their regu-

lar salaries and benefits, each officer will receive up to \$30,000 in reimbursement for their prior college expenses.

The law enforcement agencies that hire them will be paid \$10,000 for each of a participant's four years of required service.

"This is a superb concept," said Tyler Fletcher, founder and chairman of the Department of Criminal Justice.

He called it "an ROTC program for police" with a "Peace Corps approach to public service...It means college graduates can get into low-income areas and work with folks on a one-to-one basis."

Congress established the Police Corps in 1994 to address violent crime by helping local police and sheriff's departments increase the number of advanced education and training assigned to community patrol.

The program, which operates in states that have submitted an approved state plan, is designed to motivate highly qualified young people to serve our cities and counties as police.

The Police Corps reduces local costs of hiring and training excellent new officers. The Federal government pays for rigorous law enforcement training for each Police Corps participant.

All participants must possess the necessary mental and physical capabilities and moral characteristics to be an effective police officer, be of good character, meet the standards of the police force with which they will serve, and demonstrate sincere motivation and dedication to law enforcement and public service.

Participants may choose to study criminal justice and law enforcement or may pursue degrees in other fields. Men and women of all races and ethnicity's are eligible, regardless of family income or resources.

Students interested in the Police Corps should contact:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Office of the Police Corps
McClesky Hall, Room D
P.O. Box 5084
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-5084
(601) 266-6770 or 1-800-767-7334

All-Mississippi Academic Team selected

By SHERIE BRADFORD
The Tom Tom

Fifty-two of the top students of Mississippi have been named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team. Two students from each community or junior college were nominated by the President of each college.

Winners were selected by an application which required written essays, letters of recommendation, demonstration of academic achievement, leadership skills and community service involvement. East Central's

members of this team are Amy Gomillion and Brian Shaw. Of these 52 members ten were chosen as the First Team of the 1998 All-Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges. Each of these received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Amy Gomillion received this honor of First Team and Brian Shaw was selected for honorable mention.

Brian Shaw is a computer engineering major from Forest. His parents are Royce and Maggie Shaw. He is president of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha

Epsilon. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Warrior Corps, the President's Council, and the tennis team.

Amy Gomillion, graduate of Leake Academy from Walnut Grove, is a pre-pharmacy major. She is the daughter of Don and Betty Gomillion. Amy is currently student body association president, involved in Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, President's Council, Fashion Squad, Student Council, Warrior Corps, and is a Diamond Girl. She is also Vice-President of Mu Alpha Theta and Phi Theta Kappa.



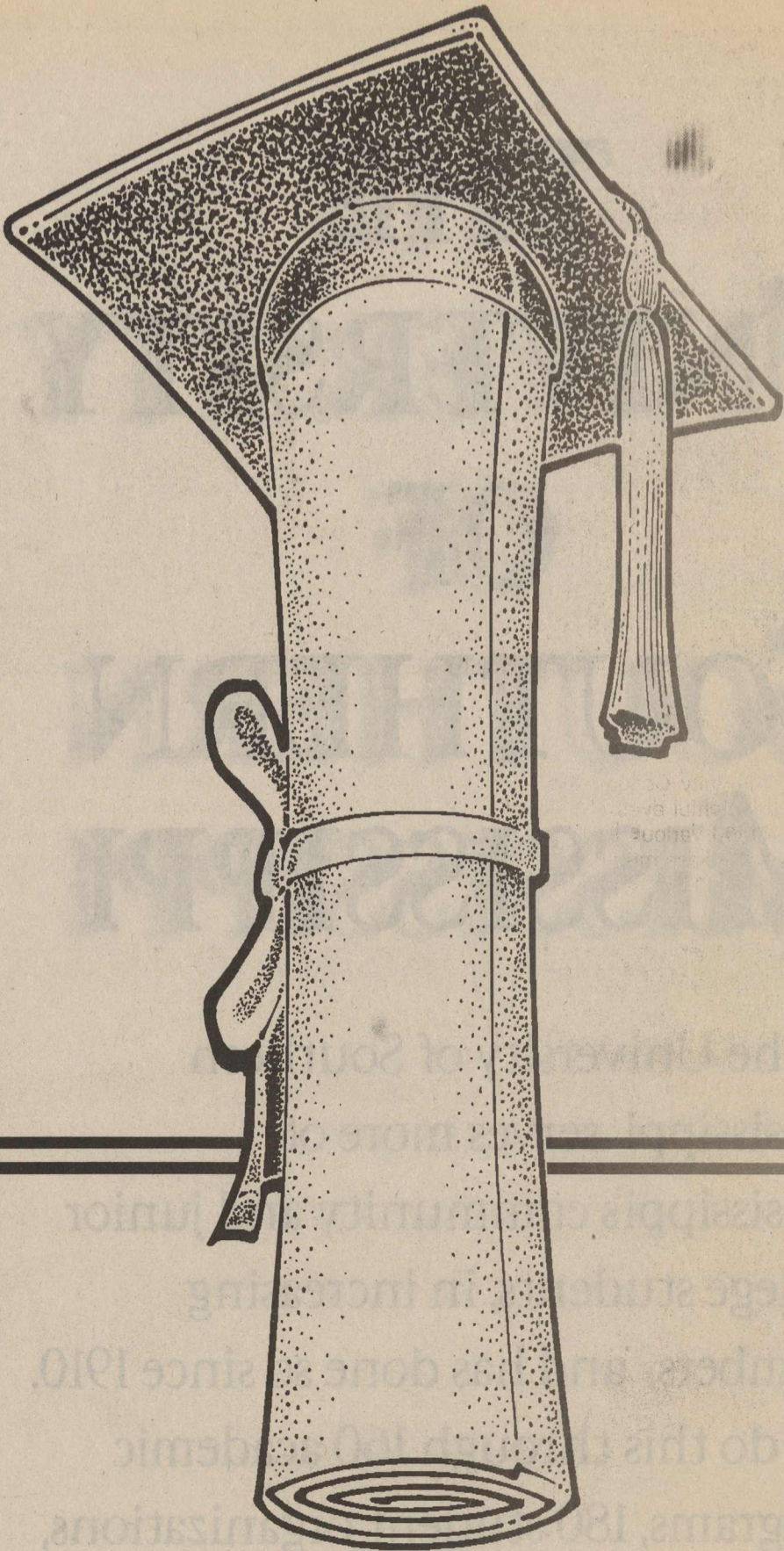
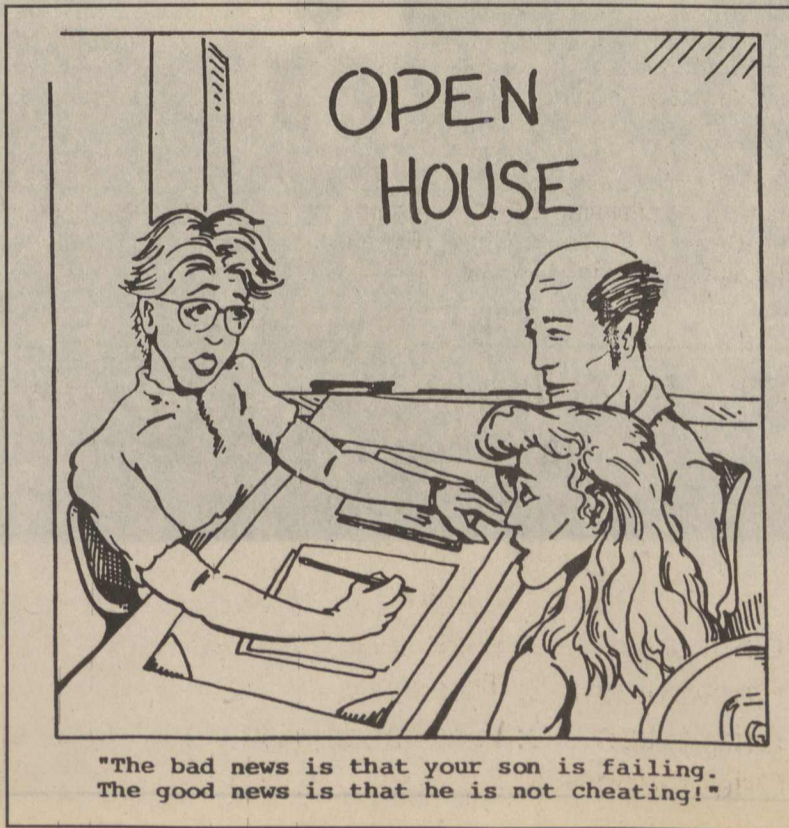
Alman addresses students

Dr. Rex Alman, former executive director of Weems Community Mental Health Center in Meridian, recently made his regular visit to the campus in Decatur where he spoke to the College's psychology students. Dr. Alman is a certified marriage, family and divorce therapist, and during his remarks he spoke on "Communications and Relationships." The special program was held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

SIFE attends regional competition

East Central's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) recently attended the regional competition in Memphis, Tenn. on April 7-9. The organization presented an annual report of activities and projects that they had completed throughout the year.

Students who attended were: Hunter Ives, Rhett Rivers, Krisan Risher, Stephanie King, Amy Spears, Tarita Williamson, Crystal Germany, Crystal Lewis, Laura Tadlock, Amanda McMillan, Audrey Parker, and Jenna Usry. The convention was held in the historic Peabody Hotel. The students had the opportunity to talk with many companies and discuss future career possibilities.



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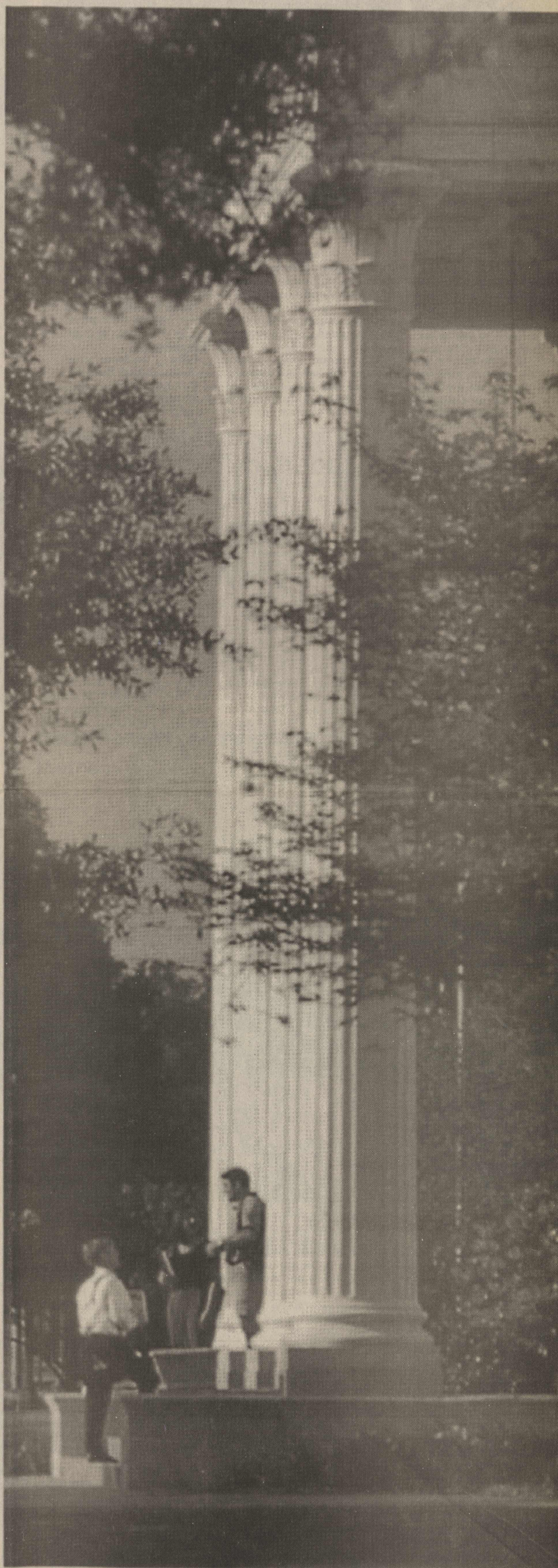


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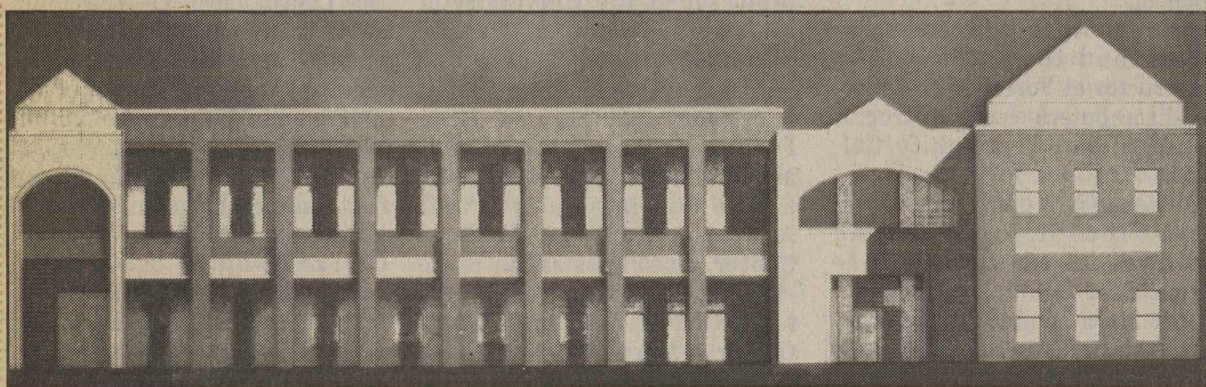
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Proposed student services building

ECCC addresses overcrowding and parking problems

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Tom Tom staff

As many students may have noticed, the population at ECCC has grown enormously over the past few years. This overwhelming number of new students is great for the college and the community, yet a bit inconvenient for students and faculty. ECCC acknowledges that there is a problem with overcrowding and parking spaces, and the powers that be are tackling the problems head-on.

ECCC is now in the process of adding a new Student Services building to the campus. This two-story building will be located on the edge of campus between Winston Hall and Leake Hall, and it will be completed during the summer of 1999. Presently, the building is undergoing the first phase of a two-phase operation.

The first phase of the project will include the addition of all Student Services offices. "If you have visited the Student Services' building lately, you've seen that it is the busiest and most crowded office on campus due to tremendous enrollment,"

quotes Dean of Students, Randall Lee. The top floor of the new building will house the Director of Student Life and the Dean of Students. The Tech Prep Career can be found on the top floor and will be available to all students.

The academic counselors and recruiters will also relocate to the same floor. The bottom floor of the building will be home to the college nurse and all of the Financial Aid offices.

Some "highlights" of the new building will include two conference rooms and an outdoor patio section. The second phase of the building process will allow the implementation of the Admissions Center and the college book store. Also, a new Student Activity Center will be located inside the building, and it is sure to be the hottest hangout on campus.

The Student Activity Center will include four fast food vendors and room for students to study or just have fun. A TV and game room will be available to students, as well as a weight room and locker space.

The growing number of stu-

dents at ECCC has also resulted in fewer parking spaces. The administration surveyed the entire campus to come up with additional parking spaces, and they did respond to the problem. A total of 57 new parking spaces were added around the Vo-Tech Annex and also around Scott Hall and Neshoba Hall.

For those students who cannot find a parking space near their building and do not mind walking, they can find additional parking below the football field and in the South Campus area. A reminder to students: Parking tickets are payable within five days.

If not paid within this time, the price doubles. However, the administration works with students closely on this matter, so see Mr. Killens if you think you have been issued a parking ticket unfairly.

The future of ECCC is a promising one, and the administration hopes that everyone will benefit from ECCC's expansion efforts. Dean Lee adds, "We are very excited about the addition of our new building, and our main goal is to serve the students better."

Chad Brackin named editor of ECCC's 1998-99 Tom Tom

Hello East Central students, faculty, administration and guest readers. Allow me to use this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Chad Brackin and I will spend the next school year as editor of *The Tom Tom*. Just a little background about myself, I'm a 1996 graduate of Philadelphia High School and I've spent the past two years at Hinds Community College. Please don't hold that against me. I'm a pre-law student with a double major in both political science and public relations. My emphasis is in journalism. While at Hinds I served as editor of *The Hindsonian* for two years and as the District Student Body President.

Although it has been a big adjustment, I am very happy and excited about being at East Central. I look forward to working with each student, club, organization, and staff member. But enough about me.

Back to school means hitting the books, learning new faces, reprioritizing our time, and making some adjustments. Many may even feel a little overwhelmed with the new environment and trying to get into the groove of things. Hey, it's going to be all right, just give it a little time.

Anyway, it may be a little late, but welcome back to school. Also, thank you for choosing East Central to further your education. You have definitely made a wise decision. Being the fastest growing community college in the state, EC opens the door to many new opportunities, but still has that close personal

attention that only a community college can offer.

So, what does back to school mean for you? Does it mean having to leave home and your family or having to hang up the swimsuits and replace them with that good ole' backpack? For me, back to school means a time to meet new people, learn other cultures, and further my education. It would also be nice to make some life long friends.

Well, hopefully you will enjoy your stay at East Central and make these years some of the most memorable years of your life.

Here are just a couple of words of advice – get involved! Do something worthwhile during your time here at EC. Volunteer, give blood, participate in clubs and organizations, or play a sport.

It is proven that students who are active in school make better grades, have more self-confidence are prepared more for the workforce, and integrate into society faster.

Remember though, your grades should always come first. Also, it is very important to go to class and to be on time for your classes, and never forget to always respect your teachers.

That's about all for my first editorial in *The Tom Tom*. I'm very excited about having the privilege of serving as your editor. I look forward to working with each of you. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, feel free to flag me down anytime around campus and I'll be more than happy to speak with you.

ECCC announces '98 Homecoming honorees

Recipients of various honors to be presented during East Central Community College's annual Homecoming celebration were recently announced by Sandra Amis of Conehatta, president of the College's Alumni Association. This year's observance, with the theme "Celebrate in '98!" will be held Saturday, Oct. 10.

Honorees include T. H. (Tam) Etheridge, chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc. in Carthage, Alumnus of the Year; Nell Allen Rogers, planner and congressional liaison for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Alumna of the Year; Leesa Wilkinson, keyboard instructor, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Conrad Germany, collision repair technology instructor, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

Also being recognized are three inductees into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame, who include Van Chancellor, head coach/general manager of the WNBA Houston Comets; Deborah Norwood Duncan,

teacher/coach at Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia; and Howard Sessums of Clinton, retired director of personnel for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Reunion groups being honored include members of all classes ending in "8" and the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball teams. Special "diplomas" will be presented to members of the 1948 class in recognition of their golden anniversary.

Former band members are also invited to attend and participate in the annual "Alumni Band" performance during half-time ceremonies of the ECCC-Hinds football game. Former ECCC athletes and supporters of the College's athletic program will also gather at the annual Warrior Club meeting.

Prior to the various reunion group meetings, a ceremony is scheduled to officially dedicate "Founders' Gym." Constructed in 1930 and still used for intramural and other activities, the old gym has been named in tribute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, James "Jim"

McDonald Thames and the many other individuals who were instrumental in the establishment of East Central Junior College in 1928.

Other activities include a cookout scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Turkey Creek Water Park for members of the 1957, 1958 and 1959 classes. For more information class members should contact Martha Kate (Tullos) Hummel, Rt. 1, Box 180, Grenada, Miss. 38930-9643, phone 455-6384, or Carol (Farish) Vickers in Decatur, phone 635-2949.

Also planned are the annual alumni/student golf and tennis tournaments. Tennis competition is slated Oct. 5-8 followed by a nine-hole golf tournament on Oct. 9.

For more information regarding Homecoming '98 contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or phone toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.



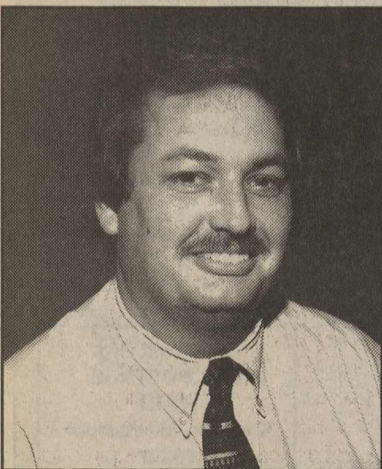
Myers scholarship recipients

East Central Community College freshman Heather Anderson (third from left), a graduate of Philadelphia High School and Mark Eakes (fourth from left), a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, are the first recipients of the Ben Myers Memorial Scholarships to attend ECCC. Also pictured are, from left, Randall E. Lee, ECCC dean of students; and Myers' parents Jewel Parks and Glenn Myers, both of Philadelphia. The scholarships were established by family members and friends of the popular 1997 ECCC graduate who lost his life in an automobile accident on July 9, 1998. While a student at East Central, the Dean's List scholar was selected "Mr. ECCC" and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Warrior Corps, and various other organizations. He was also a member of the Warrior golf team which won the Region 23, Division III Championship his sophomore season. Ben was a 1995 graduate of Neshoba Central High School where he served as student body president and was voted "Most Outstanding Senior." An accounting major, Myers was a senior at the University of Mississippi where he was a Dean's List scholar and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Ambassadors, a volunteer student recruiting group. Recipients of the Ben Myers Memorial Scholarships receive \$500 and must be a high school graduate from either Neshoba Central, Philadelphia or Choctaw Central. For more information contact the ECCC Dean of Students Office, phone 635-2111 or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC ext. 204.

Homecoming activities set for October 10

"Celebrate in '98"

ECCC welcomes new faculty members



Thomas Fortenberry

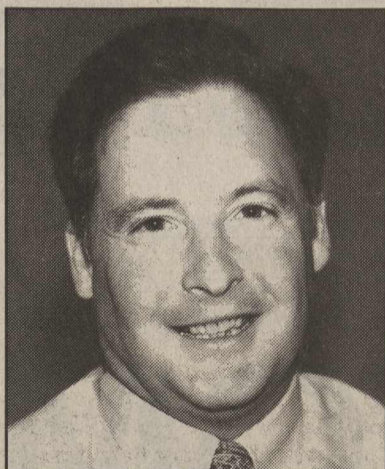
Thomas Fortenberry of Union was recently selected computer technology instructor at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Fortenberry was district technology coordinator for the Philadelphia Public School District. He earlier served as director of administrative computing services at ECCC.

He has also held positions with H&R Block as a programming consultant and the Molpus Company as data processing supervisor. Fortenberry is a former data entry clerk for Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Fortenberry received an associate's degree in data processing from Meridian Community College and an associate's degree in business administration/accounting from ECCC. He has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University.

Fortenberry is married to the former Pam Copeland of Philadelphia. They have two children, Amanda, 9; and Tanner, 5.



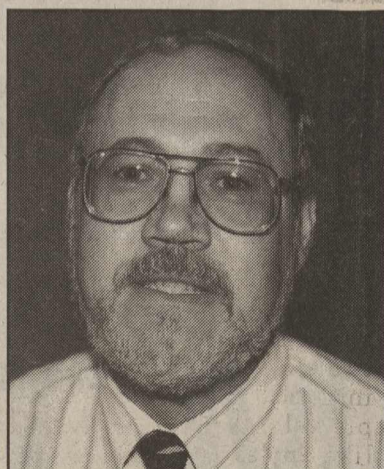
Marc McCool

Marc McCool of Louisville was recently selected social science instructor at East Central Community College.

McCool previously served as social studies teacher at Louisville High School, where he was chairman of the social science department. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member at ECCC since 1987.

A graduate of Noxapater High School, McCool received his associate's degree from East Central Junior College. He received his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Mississippi and his Master of Education degree in social studies from Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Carrie Hollingsworth of Louisville, who teaches fourth grade at Noxapater Elementary School. They have two children: Tyler 10, and Lindsey, 4.



Bobby Thrash

Bobby Thrash of Union was recently selected computer science instructor at East Central Community College.

Thrash previously served as math and computer science instructor at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. He earlier served as Director of Software Engineering at WINTEC, Inc. in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

He has also served as a software engineer with Harris Corporation-GSSD Orlando in Winter Park, Fla.; Martin Marietta Aerospace in Baltimore, Maryland, and Orlando, Fla.; and See **THRASH**, page 6



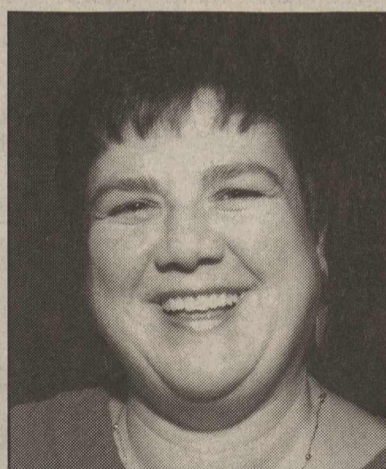
Haywood Reeves

Haywood Reeves of Forest was recently selected mathematics instructor at East Central Community College. Prior to his selection, Reeves served as principal of Forest High School.

Reeves earlier served as math and computer science instructor at Forest High School and computer science instructor at Meridian Community College.

Reeves is a graduate of Walnut Grove High School and received his associate's degree from East Central Junior College. He attended Mississippi College in Clinton where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. He was awarded the educational specialist degree in mathematics from Mississippi State University.

He and his wife Patricia have a son, Ryan, 10, who attends Hawkins Middle School in Forest.



Dr. Sherrill Evans

Dr. Sherrill Evans of Brandon was recently selected Associate Degree Nursing instructor at East Central Community College. Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Evans was an assistant professor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing.

She is a former stroke/gerontology nurse educator for Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. She has also held positions on the nursing staffs of Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center, East Mississippi State Hospital, Riley Memorial Hospital and Laurel Wood Psychiatric Center in Meridian.

Dr. Evans has held instructor positions with East Mississippi Community College and the University of West Alabama (formerly Livingston University). She is a former adjunct instructor for the University of Southern Mississippi. She is also a former instructor for the Meridian Public and Lauderdale County school systems.

She received her associate in arts degree as well as the associate degree in nursing from Meridian Community College. Dr. Evans is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where she received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and elementary education, her master's degree in reading, the educational specialist degree in elementary education and the master of science degree in nursing.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Dr. Evans obtained the doctorate degree in secondary education and the educational specialist degree in counselor education. She later completed post-graduate certification as a family nurse practitioner from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Dr. Evans has four children. Devonna is a graphic artist with Mississippi Educational Television. Marcus is attending the Mississippi College School of Law. Robert is a sophomore at ECCC. Kimberly is a tenth-grader at Northwest Rankin Attendance Center.



Juanita West

Juanita West of Newton was recently selected Oral Communication instructor at East Central Community College. Prior to her selection, West served the College as English instructor/College yearbook advisor.

Earlier, she served as an adjunct faculty member at ECCC and Meridian Community College. She is a former social services coordinator for Queen City Nursing Home in Meridian. West held various positions at Clarke College in Newton, including speech/English instructor, public relations and

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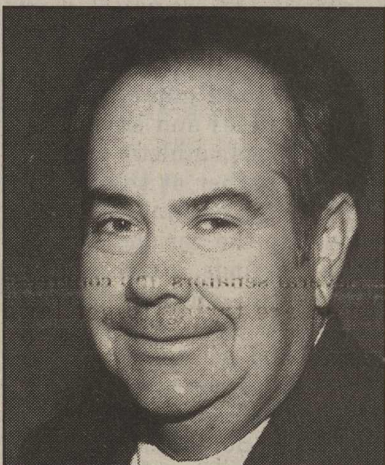
Tonya Morgan

Tonya Morgan of Clinton was recently selected music keyboard instructor at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Morgan served as pianist for Riverside Methodist Church in Jackson. She has been a private piano instructor for eight years.

Morgan is a former pianist for Ballet Magnificat in Jackson. She earlier served as a rehearsal accompanist for Parkway Baptist Church in Clinton.

A graduate of Booneville High School, Morgan received her associate's degree from Northeast Mississippi Community College. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Mississippi College in Clinton, where she served as an accompanist for the Mississippi College Chamber Choir, Concert Singers, Chorale and various musicals.



Gerald Jordan

Gerald Jordan of Edinburg was recently selected welding instructor at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Jordan served as metal trades instructor at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

He has also served as a production machine operator instructor for ECCC. Jordan earlier served as a welder and machine shop worker for Superior Coach Corporation in Kosciusko and is a former parts and service manager for Taylor Machine Works in Carthage.

Jordan is a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. A graduate of Edinburg High School, he received his associate's degree from East Central Junior College. He has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University, Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Betty Martin of Edinburg. They have a daughter, Michelle Smith, and a son, Robert, both of Edinburg.

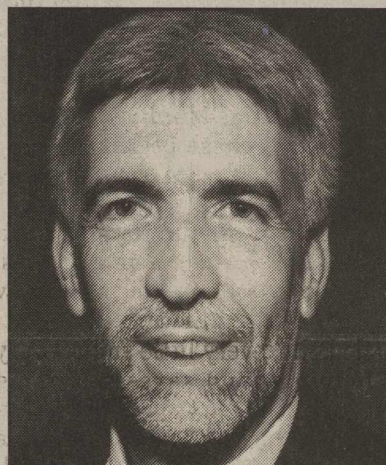


Dr. Betty Sue Hennington

Dr. Betty Sue Hennington was recently named biology, chemistry instructor at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Dr. Hennington was Chairman of the Biology Department and biology instructor at Sumner Hill Junior High School in Clinton and served as a member of the adjunct faculty at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

Dr. Hennington is a former physiology and biochemistry instructor for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she also served as a graduate assistant then as a post doctoral fellow. She has also held instructor positions with Belhaven College, St. Joseph See **HENNINGTON**, page 6

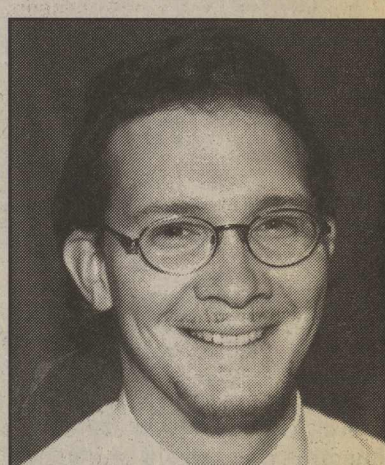


Larry Blackburn

Larry Blackburn was recently named Team Leader of the Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center at East Central Community College.

Prior to assuming his new duties, Blackburn served the College as Workforce Specialist, a position he had held since 1992. He is also a former carpentry and cabinetmaking instructor and VIDS instructor

See **BLACKBURN**, page 6



Jared Brownlee

Jared Brownlee of Senatobia was recently selected assistant to the director of bands at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Brownlee served as assistant band director at Southaven High School. He is a former president of the Hernando/DeSota County Band Directors Association.

Brownlee earlier served as director/administrator of high school marching and concert bands at Saltillo High School. He is a former director/administrator of beginner and intermediate See **BROWNLEE**, page 6

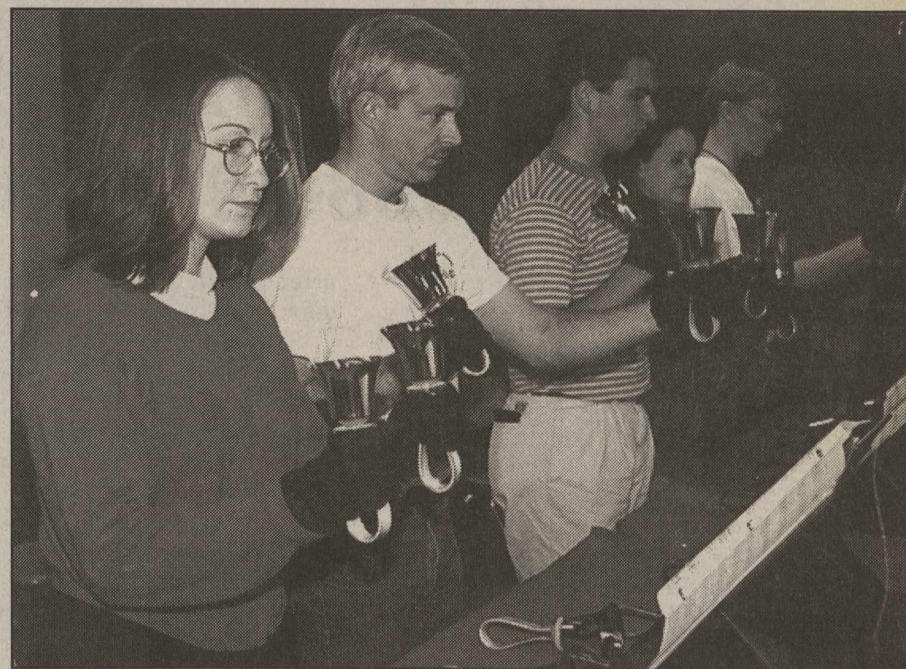
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Chasing a dream

By KRISTEN MILLS
Tom Tom staff

Baseball is a sport that Americans have rallied around for years. Its stars are our heroes. Men who have long since forgotten their childhood team. But with growing numbers of people watching and playing basketball and youth soccer plus the disastrous strike that cut into the 1994 and 1995 seasons, people wondered if baseball would ever regain its place in our hearts. Baseball began to bounce back when Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's streak of most consecutive games. This showed even the most disgruntled fans that there were some players left who loved to play. The New York Yankees successful 1996 season that ended with their World Series win brought even more fans back with the remembrance of the glory teams of yesteryear. No single event has helped bring attention back to the games than the chase for Roger Maris's record of most home-runs in a single season.

The magic number is sixty-two, and with 162 games in a season, a player would have to hit a home-run in every 2.6 games. Baseball analysts predicted 1998 would be the year that someone would hit at least sixty-two home-runs. Mark McGwire, St. Louis Cardinal's first-baseman and one of the preseason favorites, commented that sixty-two for a season would not be obtainable unless someone had hit fifty by September. On Aug. 31, McGwire and Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa were tied with fifty-eight home-runs respectively, were expected to put on a show. McGwire launched the ball out of the park during the first inning while his family and the Maris family watched. For now his name will be mentioned beside Roger Maris's in the history books. But the season is not over. Did fate, talent, or dietary supplements play the biggest hand in what will most definitely become a record breaking season? In late August, an Associated Press reporter

found an over-the-counter testosterone booster in McGwire's locker. Controversy arose because the supplement is banned in the Olympics and the National Football League, but it is legal in Major League Baseball. McGwire has always been known to hit for power as shown in 1987 when he hit forty-nine home-runs on the way to becoming Rookie of the Year without any dietary supplements. The fateful day when the record was tied was full of coincidental numbers. McGwire smashed number sixty-one on his father's sixty-first birthday, thirteen years after Roger Maris's death. Roger Maris hit his sixty-first home-run thirteen years after Babe Ruth's death. Showing the traits of a true baseball fan, the lucky man who came up with the record breaking ball said that he would give the ball back to McGwire and did not want anything in return. Baseball just might be working its way back into America's heart.

Friends at ECCC

By TAMI PHILLIPS
Tom Tom staff

As we begin a new school year at ECCC, many of us have to deal with the usual stress of school: deciding which classes to drop, figuring out how many credits we need to transfer, finding a parking space, and making new friends. Many times we get so wrapped up in our own problems that we do not stop to think about others. Recently after a long, trying day at school, I came home to discover that a friend had sent me a very touching email. It went like this: "Mark was walking home from school one day when he noticed the boy ahead of him had tripped and dropped all of the books that he was carrying along with two sweaters, a baseball bat, a globe, and a small tape recorder. Mark knelt down and helped the boy pick up the scattered articles. Since they were going the same way, he helped to carry part of the burden. As they walked Mark discovered that the boy's name was

Bill, that he loved video games, baseball and history, that he was having lots of trouble with his other subjects, and that he had just broken up with his girlfriend. They arrived at Bill's home first and Mark was invited in for a Coke and to watch some television. The afternoon passed pleasantly with a few laughs and some shared small talk, then Mark went home. They continued to see each other around school, had lunch together once or twice, then both graduated from junior high school. They ended up in the same high school where they had brief contacts over the years. Finally the long-awaited senior year came. Three weeks before graduation, Bill asked Mark if they could talk. Bill reminded him of the day years ago when they had first met. "Did you ever wonder why I was carrying so many things home that day?" asked Bill. "You see, I cleaned out my locker because I didn't want to leave a mess for anyone else. I had stored away some of my mothers sleeping

pills, and I was going home to commit suicide. But after we spent some time together talking and laughing, I realized that if I had killed myself, I would have missed that time and so many others that might follow. So you see, Mark, when you picked up those books that day, you did a lot more, you saved my life." Our college years represent a very important era in our lives. The friends that we make now will last for a lifetime. Every little hello, every little smile, every helping hand saves a hurting heart. Friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make us smile and encourage us to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care. Show your friends how much you appreciate them and what they mean to you. and the next time you see someone who looks distressed, why not help carry some of their burden as Mark did? You never know how far an act of kindness can go.

Swissair Flight 111

By SUSAN ADKINS
Tom Tom staff

At 9:48 p.m., approximately one hour and thirty minutes after taking off from Kennedy Airport in New York, a MD-jetliner plunged into the ocean five miles off the coast of Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia. Swissair Flight 111 was headed for Geneva, Switzerland. None of the 229 people on board, including 137 Americans, survived. Immediately rescuers were on the scene searching for any signs of life, but found none. So far they have discovered about sixty bodies; however, many of those are only body parts. Families and friends of the victims are flying from all over the world to the small village of Peggy's Cove. Many want to see the area of the plane crash as they grieve their loved ones. While some only care about retrieving the bodies from the ocean, others demand to know what went wrong. Although terrorism has not been ruled out, there is no evidence that any wrong-doing occurred. The pilots sent a distress call saying that smoke was in the cockpit. They dumped tons of fuel and planned an emergency landing at the Halifax International Airport. The airplane was only thirty-five mile from the airport when it crashed. According to *USA Today*, the McDonnell-Douglas MD-11 "had completed 6,000 flights and 35,000 flight hours since it came into service in 1991."

Spokesman for Swissair, Roland Breitler, announced that "the airline routinely complies with all directives" of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Drivers found the flight data recorder, a device that tells useful information such as the plane's altitude and airspeed. The cockpit voice recorder has been detected, but not yet

Clinton finally admitted what the American people already knew

By JANA NESTER
Tom Tom staff

If you have watched TV or read the paper lately, chances are you have heard all about Clinton's scheme with Monica Lewinsky. After seven months of investigation, President Clinton appeared before Special Prosecutor Ken Starr's federal grand jury and admitted to an "inappropriate" relationship with the former White House intern. He also went on national television to admit to his affair, apologize, and tell the American people that it is time to move on and forget about this scandal. Many democrats suggested he address the nation a second time to further explain his actions, because they were disappointed that he did not use the word "apologize" nor "sorry" in his talk Monday night. Clinton's confession has eroded the public's view of his morals, however, its opinion of the job he is doing is impressive-

retrieved from the ocean. This device, if intact, will reveal the last conversations of the pilots, which hopefully will reveal the cause of this tragedy. Family and friends continue to mourn as researchers search the ocean for the cause of this tragedy. Wednesday, Sept. 2, will not be a day that is soon forgotten. ly high. A recent poll indicated that 65% of the American people approve of it. This is proof that the people are willing to overlook his sexual behavior and the fact that he lied under oath, and I highly disagree. I respect his position as President, but I disapprove of his ways. He may be good at handling affairs, but President Clinton is supposed to be a moral figure of this country and also a symbol of it. Obviously, he lacks virtues such as integrity, honor, and character that it takes to be a good President, and he has no business being in office!

WHERE DO YOU TURN

TO LEARN
WHAT'S
ON SALE?

YOUR NEWSPAPER:
The link to your community

Hypnotic encounter

By KRISTEN MILLS
Tom Tom staff

Female college students walking around campus dressed as frogs can be explained with two simple words: Centrallette initiation. But what about people voluntarily eating onions like apples and wearing their shoes on the wrong feet? Ten people spent Wednesday night, Aug. 19, doing exactly that. Colonel Wallington, a psychologist who has come to EC since 1972, brought his hypnotist act to a packed Huff Auditorium. To start the performance, the entire audience got to participate when asked to clasp their hands together over their heads. While lowering their hands, the audience needed to clench their tighter together. The sensation was like a magnet was connected to the stomach and as the hands came farther down, a vice was squeezing them together. Many people were surprised to find that their hands would not come apart until Col. Wallington said they could. No one was hypnotized; this was just an example of how the mind is susceptible to suggestion. After the volunteers for the on-stage program were picked and hypnotized, the audience was in for an astounding performance because whatever the Colonel said, the participants did. They were convinced that they were stuck to their seats, that perfume smelled so horrible they gagged, and the ammonia was the most exotic fragrance. They thought to win money they

had to pretend to be household appliances like a pop-up toaster, a chain, and a blender. Halfway through the show, the participants had a little party. At first everyone drank whatever was offered to them, and they soon began to sway and slur their speech. Walking proved to be a very hard task for these people. But most went back and drank some more. Of course nothing – not even water – was in the glasses they were drinking from. But somehow they received headaches so horrific just the sounds of someone's footsteps hurt. Fortunately a "hang-over remover" pill was given and they were instantly better. Reactions to having Miss/Mr. America pageants going on was what anyone would think. The comments made while viewing the pageants through "glasses" (Coke cans) that could see through clothing were outrageous and had the crowd on their feet laughing hysterically. That was not even what many people considered to be the climax of the show. When the ten people on-stage thought the person next to them was the best looking opposite sex person, sparks flew. All of the "couples" were of the same sex and some got very friendly very quickly. The audience jumped to its feet laughing, shouting, and straining to see how close one of the "couples" would get. They seemed to get pretty familiar with each other. Another high point of the show was when the volunteers

believed they were naked. If they walked to the edge of the stage, their clothes would reappear, but when they sat back down again, their clothes would disappear. These people found imaginative ways of covering themselves, from hiding behind the curtains to using a chair to cover certain areas. After putting her clothes back on, one of the participants thought that the audience had the glasses that see through clothes and yelled at them. Just half of the people on-stage got to remember what happened to them. At the end of the performance, if they were touched on the knee, they would be able to recall what went on during the show. Every other person was touched. After they were all out of the hypnotic trance, they sang (or tried to sing) the song "America." Not everyone was too sure of the correct words, but what they came up with was just as good. The show was not only for entertainment. Positive effects of hypnosis were shown when one of the on-stage participants decided to quit smoking. Col. Wallington led her through ten steps that were supposed to make her think that cigarettes taste and smell repulsive. The hypnosis would only work if she truly wanted to quit though. Aside from the benefits of hypnosis and the amusement of watching people do and say anything, Col. Wallington wanted everyone to remember, "What your mind conceives, your body achieves."

Is cloning humans possible?

By SUSAN ADKINS
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Cloning used to be something we watched on science fiction movies like Jurassic Park. We never dreamed that anyone could actually do this. Most of us were startled when Dolly the sheep was cloned last year. Even then we never thought someone would even attempt to clone a human. We were wrong. Earlier this year Richard Seed, a Chicago physicist, announced his plans to clone humans. Last week he told us that he plans to clone himself first. We do not know how far

his attempts will go because he is not funded in any way. Several senators and congressmen are trying to get laws passed to ban cloning experiments. One proposal that Senator Bill Frist from Tennessee is pushing is the sentence of ten years in prison and \$250,000 fine to any scientist convicted of cloning a person. Many people believe that even though laws are passed to prevent cloning, scientists will experiment anyway. Sometimes it is scary to imagine how advanced our technology is today. No one can clone a human being, anyway, or can they?

Health clinic sponsoring speaking engagements

The ECCC Student Health Clinic is sponsoring a series of public service speaking engagements and health screenings for student, faculty, and staff throughout the semester. These will be held during activity periods on Tuesday and Thursday. Watch the student bulletin for additional details. The following is the itinerary for the fall semester. What: "Drug Addiction" When: Thursday, Sept. 17 Who: Porter Pryor, Mississippi Baptist Chemical Dependence See HEALTH CLINIC, page 6

Top ten things guys should consider when on their first date

10. The Red Hot Chili Peppers are surprisingly not considered a romantic rock group by most women.
9. Most young women do not enjoy being served at a restaurant where the waiter asks you, "Do you want fries with that?"
8. Sensual atmosphere can and will be sabotaged by the phrase, "You may have to get out and push!"
7. Do not attempt to make conversation by explaining, in detail, about the appendectomy you underwent when you were nine.
6. Attempting to make a pass after you have just eaten eleven slices of garlic pizza is not recommended.
5. While on your date, do not, under any circumstances, take the opportunity to pass gas.
4. Faster Pussycat! Kill! Kill! Should not be brought up when asked what movie you want to rent.
3. Don't try to impress your date by challenging an oncoming Mack truck to a game of chicken.
2. Try not to mistake the gas pedal for the brake pedal when approaching a stop sign in front of the lake.
1. Giving your date a good night kiss upon reaching her house is always a good idea, but keep in mind that her father might get a little bit suspicious when she still hasn't come inside after twenty minutes.

Sports

Nine returning players on Lady Warriors basketball team

The 1998-1999 Lady Warriors basketball team returns nine players from last year's team which went 19-9, earned a berth in the Region 23 Tournament, and defeated Number 1 seed and State Champion Northeast Community College. In addition a redshirt transfer, 6'0" center LaShanta Lyle of JSU, should help along with USM transfer Krystal Courtney, a 5'10" small forward. Four true freshmen complete the roster.

All nine returning sophomores saw plenty of action last year. Three starters are back including point guard Denise Chapman, shooting guard Wendy Mapp and center Charissa Williams. Sonya Pinkston, Sharae Brown and Marina Carter started at various times during the year and look to play a major role this year. Ellake Murray was crucial as a backup last year, and barring the recurrence of a late season knee

injury, should be ready again. Quintina Edwards has all of the skill, but last year had a weight problem. She has lost 20 pounds this summer and is much quicker now and has looked really good in pre-season conditioning. Felisha Temple rounds out the returners. As a backup point last year, she gained confidence that seems to have carried over to this year.

LaShanta Lyle signed with ECCC out of high school but went to Jackson State instead. Over the summer, she asked to join the team and will provide depth at center. She gives us sophomore maturity with freshman eligibility. Krystal Courtney saw plenty of action at Southern Miss and looks great as a Lady Warrior in pick-up games. She's a great shooter who out-hustles almost everyone on the team and has gained instant respect from the sophomores.

The freshmen include super-

talent Tonya Moncrief from Newton who will be eligible at Christmas. At 6'2", she runs like a guard and jumps above everyone. Arletha Moncrief is more talented than many realize with the pose of a sophomore. She may be very important to us before the season ends. Susan Boatner of Clarkdale brings good size to the team with a great attitude and a hard-nosed work ethic. She will learn as a freshman and be a good sophomore. Tonya Viverette is the quickest player on the team with a great attitude. She should adapt to the college game quickly and be a valuable sophomore.

The team is working hard on preseason conditioning on the floor and in the weight room. They will be in shape and we hope to see a quicker brand of ball than in recent years. We hope you will come and enjoy the games.



Football coaches at East Central Community College and their areas of responsibility for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Todd Mangum, quarterbacks and running backs; Terry Underwood, head coach and offensive coordinator; and Steve Kelly, defensive coordinator, linebackers and special teams; and (standing from left) Jon Williams, tight ends and wide receivers; Jack Carlisle, kickers and punters; Fredrick Lyons, defensive line; and Timmy Coats, defensive backs and special teams.

ECCC Warriors gearing up for 1998-99 football season

The 1998 Warrior football team has 18 returning sophomores from the 7-3 1997 campaign. The expectations are high under Terry Underwood, new head football coach, who served as defensive coordinator the past three seasons. Joining Coach Underwood are his assistants Tim Coats, defensive backs; Todd Mangum, QB/RB; Steve Kelly, defensive coordinator; Fred Lyons, defensive line; Jon Williams, Rec/TE; and Jack Carlisle, punters/kickers.

Our sophomore group is led by Wesley Boyd, a 6'2", 190 lb. cornerback from Morton. Wesley started all of the 1997 games and had an outstanding freshman year. We expect high things from Wesley for the fall.

Also returning are Jermain Boyd from Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Duane Brisbon from Cross, S.C. who gave a solid sophomore group in the secondary and plenty of playing experience.

In the defensive front Kendrick Earby from Morton, Jason Eason from Forest, Kelvin Cistrunk from Louisville and Jim Griffin from Tuscaloosa should provide us with leadership and game experience.

Transfers who could and immediate impact are Andre Slayton from Samford University and Alex Sanchoyerto from Kansas State University. Both of these are good players and could be impact players for the 1998 season.

Offensively, Brock Lillis from Neshoba Central is a solid player at the tackle position; he started all 10 games last season. Greg Busby at 6'2", 285 lbs., from Tuscaloosa, is the center and also started all 10 games as a freshman.

Jarvis Smith from Soddy-Daisey, TN, is the leading returnee in the backfield. We look for big things from him this

fall.

Andy Sagona from Sebastopol will split time at the tailback sport, as well as the wide-receiver position. Andy is a very talented young man that takes pride in both positions.

For our QB position, Josh Hatcher from Winston Academy and Mark Fleming from Leake Academy are working hard to earn their starting position as ECCC's quarterback.

A transfer who could be of immediate help on offense is Jeff Brown from Forest who transferred from Delta State University. Jeff possesses good hands and better than average speed at the wide receiver position.

Also, Kevin McKenzie, from Plantation Fla. transferred from Fort Scott, Kansas, and could be a big time player at the tailback position. He has great vision and good speed. He has big play potential.

The East Central 1998 freshman class is a very talented group of athletes. Some of these men will be called upon immediately to play and to be solid back-ups.

The defense group includes: Jed Wright of Newton, Chad Jones of Morton, Eddie Smith of Louisville and Reggie McCoy of Morton.

From out of state, Tavares Osley of Hueytown, Ala., Josh Jones of Tuscaloosa, Ala. and David Daniel of Tuscaloosa, Ala. are a real good group of young players that could make an impact on our 1998 season.

Other offensive players are Courtney Shephard of Forest; Steve Henley of Louisville; Sammy Agee of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Kyle Watson of Neshoba Central; Joey Lowrey of Winston Academy; and Reggie Flurgence of Comeaux, La. Another solid player is Josh Hary of

Philadelphia who will handle the WR position and kicking duties.

The 1998 football team as a young team that we feel is a talented group. We feel they have big play capabilities on both sides of the ball. We are excited about our season. We would like for you to come and enjoy our season with us. If there is any way we can be of help to you please feel free to give us a call.

ECCC Diamond Girls selected

By JANA NESTER
Tom Tom staff

The Diamond Girls for the 1998-1999 season are: Leslie Brackeen, Corrin Chambliss, Kristi Jones, Laura Ming, Ginger Moore, Jennifer Pace, Amy Rogers, Natalie Vowell, Courtney Wilcher, Amber Woods, Danna Dye, Allison Bailey, Jenny Bounds, Candi Butler, Sonya Clearman, Lori Darsey, Carmen Germany, Jennifer Guyse, Jessica Guyse, Heather Hamilton, Whitney Jones, Annunciata McElhenney, Lisa Price, Katie Stokes, Marci Wall, Heather Warren and Jana Wylie. Ashley McDill and Bridgette Stamper are alternates. The girls had to go through an interview and were picked based on that interview.

Although there is a while until baseball season, the diamond girls are already hard at work! Their first project is for each girl to sell at least 20 homecoming shirts. The cost of the shirts are \$10 for short sleeve and \$15 for long sleeve. See one of the Diamond Girls and order your homecoming shirt TODAY!



ECCC defensive linemen

Defensive linemen on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) end Kendrick Earby, Morton; lineman James Keys, Collins; noseguard Kelvin Cistrunk, Louisville; and end Jason Eason, Forest; and (standing from left) lineman Robert Johnson, Neshoba Central; lineman Alex Sanchoyerto, North Miami (Fla.) High School; lineman Josh Jones, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); and end Jim Griffin and lineman David Daniel, both of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.). Also pictured is positions coach Fredrick Lyons.

Bowen returns as boy's basketball coach

East Central Community College basketball is returning "Back to the Future." Coach Jay Bowen returns to East Central for a second stint with the promise of taking the basketball program to a nationally competitive level.

Coach Bowen promises a fast-breaking, controlled, motion offense and hard-nosed, tough, man-to-man defense. It will be a style of basketball that the community will be proud and it will be fun to watch.

With preseason conditioning under way the players have reported to school with a great work ethic and mental outlook. Leading the way is a group of well rounded sophomores. Keith

Bell, a 6'8", 220 lb. forward, has had an excellent start followed by 5'10", 175 lb. point guard Ray Waddell and 5'10", 175 lb. shooting guard Demando Mingo. Rounding out the sophomore class is 6'2" wing Ken Russell and 6'6" post Tim Overstreet.

The freshman class is a very deep group led by 6'6", 175 lb. 2 guard Otis Wallace of Memphis, Tenn.; Lemond Bowie, a 6', 150 lb. point guard of Morton; and Dante Dubose, a 6'7", 170 lb. wing of Dayton, Ohio.

Other contributing freshmen include 6'4" wing Jarvis Booth, 6'3" wing Keyonn Gilbert, 6'4" wing Courtney Jones, 6'8" post Ashley McDougale, 5'8" wing

Randy Tangles, 6'4" wing Jessie Williams and 6'4" wing Prentiss Wilson.

The schedule includes conference home and away games against the nationally respected Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Other games include the Jones Junior College Tournament, home and away games with East Mississippi, Holmes, Bishop State (AL), Mississippi Delta and Crowley's Ridge (AR).

Also included on the schedule is an away game with Mississippi College junior varsity.

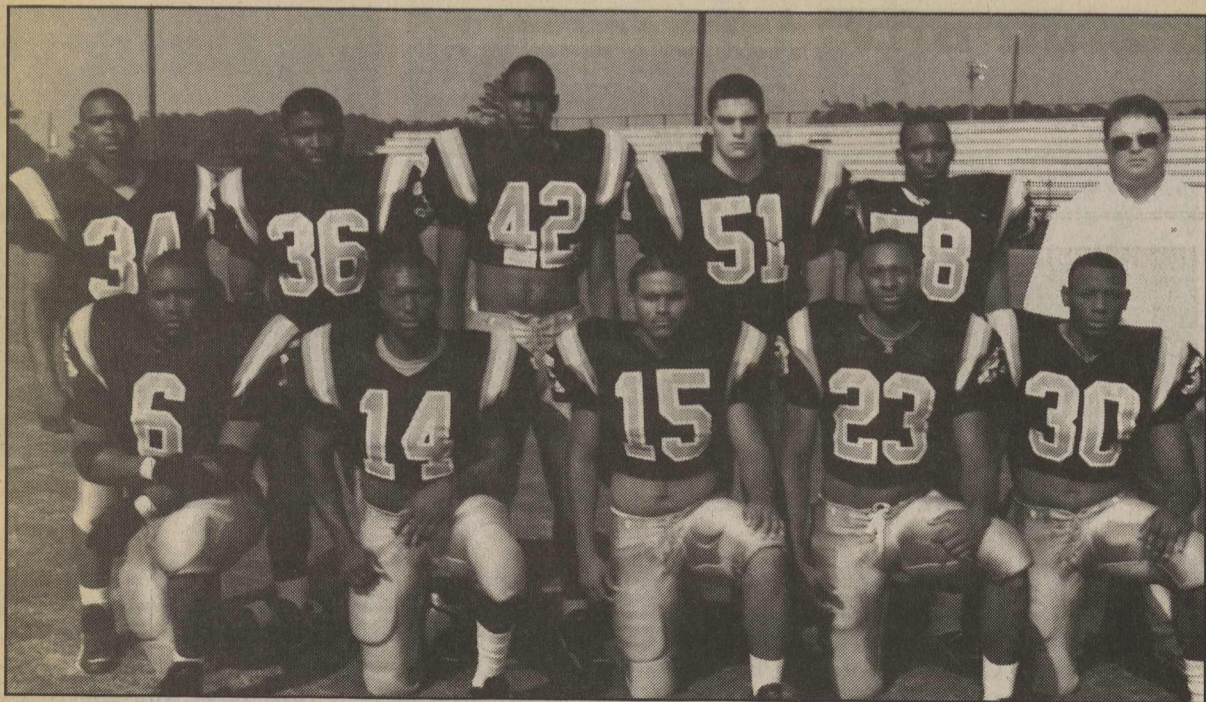
This year hopes to prove to be the laying of a solid foundation for a successful program for a long period of time.

1998-99 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

NO	NAME	HT	WT	POS	CLASS	HIGH SCHOOL
3	Lamond Bowie	6'0"	150	PT	F	Morton
11	Ray Waddell	5'10"	175	PT	S	Philadelphia
15	Randy Tangles	5'8"	165	W	F	Choctaw Central
21	Kenyon Gilbert	6'3"	185	W	F	South Leake
22	Dante Dubose	6'7"	170	W	F	Christian, Ohio
23	Otis Wallace	6'5"	175	W	F	East, Tennessee
24	Jarvis Booth	6'4"	160	W	F	NE Jones
30	Prentiss Wilson	6'4"	200	W	F	Morton
32	Ashley McDougale	6'8"	175	P	F	Morton
33	Demando Mingo	5'9"	175	W	S	Choctaw Central
34	Courtney Jones	6'4"	210	W	F	South Leake
35	Jessie Williams	6'3"	190	W	F	Clovis, New Mexico
42	Ken Russell	6'2"	180	W	S	Newton County
44	Keith Bell	6'8"	220	P	S	Choctaw Central
45	Tim Overstreet	6'7"	260	P	S	Carthage

1998-99 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

NO	NAME	HT	POS	CLASS	HIGH SCHOOL
25	Susan Boatner	5'10"	F	F	Clarkdale
23	Sharae Brown	5'9"	F	S	Scott Central
30	Marina Carter	5'10"	F	S	Philadelphia
11	Denise Chapman	5'4"	G	S	Newton
33	Krystal Courtney	5'10"	F	S	Holden
34	Quintina Edwards	5'11"	F	S	Vigor, AL
10	LaShanta Lyle	6'0"	C	F	Morton
12	Wendy Mapp	5'5"	G	S	Newton County
14	Arlatha Moncrief	5'5"	G	F	Newton
35	Tonya Moncrief	6'2"	C	F	Newton
24	Ellake Murray	5'5"	G	F	Scott Central
22	Sonya Pinkston	5'9"	F	F	Forest
20	Felisha Temple	5'5"	G	F	Newton County
21	Tonya Viverett	5'7"	G	F	South Leake
32	Charissa Williams	6'0"	C	F	Terrebonne, LA



ECCC linebackers

Linebackers on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Jederica Wright, Newton; Lacy McBeth, Neshoba Central; Eddie Smith, Louisville; Rrggie McCoy, Morton; and Travaris Osley, Hueytown (Ala.) High School; and (standing from left) Micheal Beal, South Leake; Reggie Moore, Forest; Marcus Johnson, Neshoba Central; Brian Jones, Victoria (Texas) High School; and Shondren Lewis, Quitman. Also pictured is positions coach Steve Kelly.



ECCC receivers

Receivers on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) wide receivers Jeff Brown ofForest, Josh Hardy of Philadelphia and Chris Kyzar of Leake Academy; tight end Courtney Shepard of Forest and (standing from left) wide receiver Andy Sagona of Sebastopol; tight end Corey Pugh of Soddy-Daisey (Tenn.) and tight end Jeremy Smith of Newton County Academy. Also pictured is positions coach Jon Williams.



ECCC kickers, punters

Kickers and punters on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Josh Hatcher, Winston Academy/Philadelphia, and Josh Hardy, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) Reggie Flugence, Comeaux (La.) High School and Jim Griffin, Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) High School. Also pictured is positions coach Jack Carlisle.

Warrior baseball team begins fall practice

Warrior baseball fall practice began Labor Day, Sept. 7. Candidates for the team have been going through conditioning drills since classes started.

The Warriors return 10 players from last year's MACJC Championship team:

1B	Bo Burkes	Neshoba Central
1B-P	Jason Willis	Neshoba Central
2B	Justin Chaney	Newton County
C	Brodie Meadows	Brandon
OF	Linzy Gressett	Carthage
OF	Michael Hall	Carthage
P-OF	Chad Champion	Holt, Ala.
P	Danny Rushing	Edinburg
P-OF	Joey Allen	Junction City, Ark.
P	Dennis McDill	Leake Academy

Willis was MVP in the South Division last season, going 9-2 on the mound and hitting 13 home runs. He was drafted in the 24th round by the New York Yankees.

Signees for this season:

OF	Lee Martin	Lake
OF	Justin Webb	Neshoba Central
P	Chris Latham	Sebastopol
OF	Patrick Ferriss	Clinton
C	Micheal Shumaker	Forest
C	Ken Barden	Madison Central
2B	Charlie Welch	Morton
SS	Josh Hardy	Philadelphia
SS	Brent Page	Neshoba Central
SS	Judd Sanborn	Noxapater
3B	Chris Weems	Newton
P	Amos Thames	Newton
P	Allen Buckley	Brandon
OF-P	Jayeson McDonald	Northpost, Ala.
P	Ken Gregory	Oak Grove, La.
P	Reggie Roark	Enterprise, La.

Tennis teams off to good start

The men's and women's tennis program is off to an excellent start for the 1998-99 campaign. The numbers in the program are at an all time high. With tennis being a spring sport the players are taking part in programs for conditioning and improvement of their skills. With their excellent work ethic and attitude, excitement surrounds the ECCC tennis program.

Women's Tennis

Denise Chapman	Sophomore	Newton
Lisa Chesney	Sophomore	Union
Susan Boatner	Freshman	Clarkdale
Hailey Chance	Freshman	Forest
Sonya Clearman	Freshman	Collinsville
Kristi French	Freshman	Union
Huellen Nutt	Freshman	Morton
Jana Wylie	Freshman	Louisville

Men's Tennis

Uwe Dotzauer	Sophomore	Germany
Jonathan Mills	Sophomore	Philadelphia
Mark Suwinski	Sophomore	Forest
Ray Waddell	Sophomore	Philadelphia
Jarvis Booth	Freshman	Laurel
Timothy Cager	Freshman	Union
Kevin Carther	Freshman	Union
Tracy Goodin	Freshman	Noxapater
Chris Milling	Freshman	Union
Dan Tingle	Freshman	Philadelphia

Softball team working to improve

Seven sophomores return from the softball team's 32-25 season this past spring. This is the largest returning class in team history. They are:

La Neezer Carter	IN	Noxapater High School
Kristina Harris	IN	Newton High School
Wendy Mapp	IN	Newton County High School
Dana Misso	IN	Louisville High School
Ragan Mitchell	P	Nanlih Waiya High School
Stefanie Moody	OF	Nanlih Waiya High School
Ginger Moore	OF	Noxapater High School

This group, along with 18 freshmen, are working hard on conditioning and fundamental drills to improve on their third place state and Region XXIII tournament finish.

FALL DATES

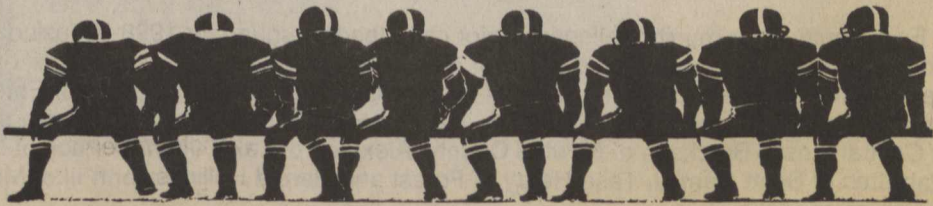
Tuesday, Sept. 22	William Carey	2 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30	William Carrey (Ala. Sthern)	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Holmes	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 14	Belhaven	1 p.m.

1998 WARRIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

NO.	NAME	POS	CLASS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
1	Wesley Boyd	DB	Soph	6'0"	191	Morton, MS	Morton High School
2	Jeff Brown	WR	Soph	6'0"	190	Forest, MS	Forest High School
3	Jermain Boyd	DB	Soph	6'0"	188	Tuscaloosa, Al	Tuscaloosa Central H.S.
4	Duane Brisbon	DB	Soph	5'10"	185	Cross, SC	Holly-Hill Roberts H.S.
5	Andre' Slayton	DB	Soph	5'11"	185	Tuscaloosa, Al	Tuscaloosa Central H.S.
6	Jederica Wright	LB	Fresh	5'11"	227	Newton, MS	Newton High School
7	Kevin McKenzie	RB	Soph	5'11"	195	Plantation, FL	Plantation High School
8	Jarvis Smith	RB	Soph	6'1"	255	Soddy-Daisy, TN	Soddy Daisy High School
9	Josh Hatcher	QB	Soph	6'0"	205	Philadelphia, MS	Winston Academy
10	Mark Fleming	QB	Soph	5'11"	198	Philadelphia, MS	Leake Academy
11	Chris Ray	DB	Fresh	6'0"	183	Donaldsonville, GA	Seminole County H.S.
12	Chad Jones	DB	Fresh	6'0"	193	Morton, MS	Morton High School
13	Reggie Flugence	QB	Fresh	6'0"	225	LaFayette, LA	Comeaux High School
14	Lacy McBeath	LB	Fresh	5'10"	205	Philadelphia, MS	Neshoba Central H. S.
15	Eddie Smith	LB	Fresh	5'11"	190	Louisville, MS	Louisville High School
18	Josh Hardy	QB/WR	Fresh	5'10"	170	Philadelphia, MS	Philadelphia High School
19	Chris Kyzar	WR	Fresh	5'10"	172	Lena, MS	Leake Academy
21	Courtney Shepard	TE	Fresh	5'10"	225	Forest, MS	Forest High School
23	Reggie McCoy	LB	Fresh	6'2"	205	Morton, MS	Morton High School
24	Andy Sagona	RB/WR	Soph	5'10"	180	Sebastopol, MS	Sebastopol High School
25	Freeman Jimison	DB	Fresh	5'10"	170	Meridian, MS	Meridian High School
26	Steve Henley	RB	Fresh	5'11"	225	Louisville, MS	Louisville High School
30	Travaris Osley	LB	Fresh	6'0"	210	Hueytown, Al	Hueytown High School
33	Jamarcus Murray	RB	Fresh	5'11"	200	Tuscaloosa, Al	Tuscaloosa County H.S.
34	Micheal Beal	LB/SS	Fresh	5'10"	175	Walnut Grove, MS	South Leake High School
35	Kendrick Earby	DE	Soph	6'0"	225	Morton, MS	Morton High School
36	Reggie Moore	LB	Fresh	5'9"	203	Forest, MS	Forest High School
40	Corey Pugh	TE	Fresh	6'0"	210	Soddy-Daisy, TN	Soddy Daisy High School
42	Marcus Johnson	LB	Fresh	6'3"	198	Philadelphia, MS	Neshoba Central H.S.
48	Marcus Brown	RB	Fresh	5'11"	215	Tuscaloosa, AL	Tuscaloosa County H.S.
51	Brian Jones	LB	Fresh	6'2"	220	Victoria, TX	Victoria High School
52	James Keys	DL	Fresh	6'0"	255	Collins, MS	Collins High School
53	Kelvin Cistrunk	DL	Soph	5'11"	300	Louisville, MS	Louisville High School
54	Jason Eason	DE	Soph	6'0"	205	Forest, MS	Forest High School
56	Allen Clark	OL	Soph	6'3"	340	Noxapater, MS	Noxapater High School
58	Shondren Lewis	LB	Fresh	5'10"	175	Enterprise, MS	Quitman High School
59	Samuel Agee	OL	Fresh	6'0"	243	Tuscaloosa, Al	Tuscaloosa Central H.S.
60	Greg Busby	OL	Soph	6'0"	285	Tuscaloosa, AL	Tuscaloosa Central H.S.
65	Joey Lowry	OL	Fresh	6'3"	290	Louisville, MS	Winston Academy
66	Dusty Comans	OL	Fresh	6'3"	285	Sebastopol, MS	Sebastopol High School
69	Brock Lillis	OL	Soph	6'2"	285	Philadelphia, MS	Neshoba Central H.S.
70	Adam Lowry	OL	Soph	6'0"	245	Louisville, MS	Louisville High School
71	Steven York	OL	Fresh	6'5"	313	Dallas, TX	Forney High School
72	Kyle Watson	OL	Fresh	6'1"	270	Philadelphia, MS	Neshoba Central H.S.
74	Robert Johnson	DL	Fresh	6'2"	275	Philadelphia, MS	Neshoba Central H.S.
75	Chester Patrick	OL	Soph	6'2"	285	Union, MS	Union High School
76	Alex Sanchoyerto	DL	Fresh	6'2"	251	Miami, FL	North Miami High School
77	Edwit Epting	OL	Fresh	6'1"	297	Forest, MS	Forest High School
81	Josh Jones	DL	Fresh	6'0"	282	Tuscaloosa, Al	Tuscaloosa Central H.S.
87	Jim Griffin	DE	Soph	6'1"	218	Northport, Al	Tuscaloosa County H.S.
88	Jeremy Smith	TE	Fresh	6'1"	232	Decatur, MS	Newton County Academy
99	David Daniel	DL	Fresh	6'2"	262	Tuscaloosa, Al	Tuscaloosa County H.S.

1998 WARRIOR FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	NORTHWEST	AT	SENATOBIA	7:00 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	ITAWAMBA	AT	DECATUR	6:30 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	EAST MS	AT	DECATUR	6:30 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	CO-LIN	AT	WESSON	7:00 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1	SOUTHWEST	AT	DECATUR	6:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10	HINDS	AT	DECATUR (HC)	2:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17	JONES	AT	ELLISVILLE	2:00 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22	MS DELTA	AT	MOOREHEAD	7:00 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29	PEARL RIVER	AT	DECATUR	6:30 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5	GULF COAST	AT	BILOXI	7:00 PM



Patsy Moore

Patsy Moore joins ECCC staff

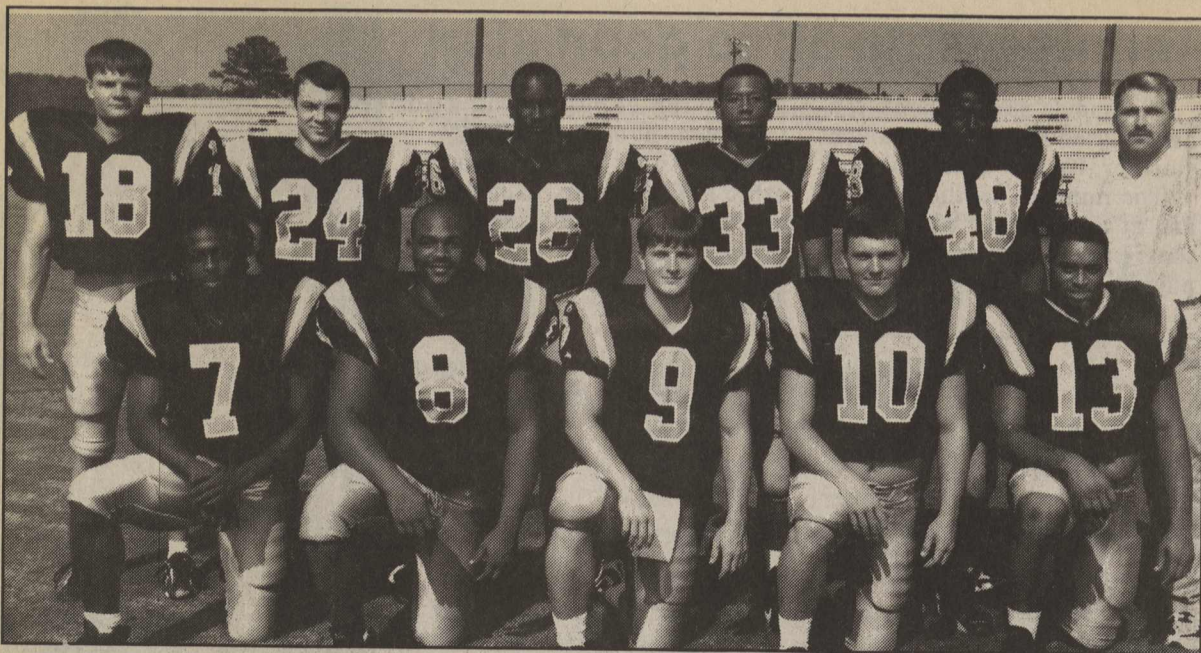
Patsy Moore of Louisville was recently named English instructor/yearbook advisor at East Central.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Moore served as English instructor at Louisville High School and was a member of the ECCC adjunct faculty.

She is a former English/social studies instructor for Noxubee County High School and earlier served as an adjunct faculty member for Mary Holmes College in West Point.

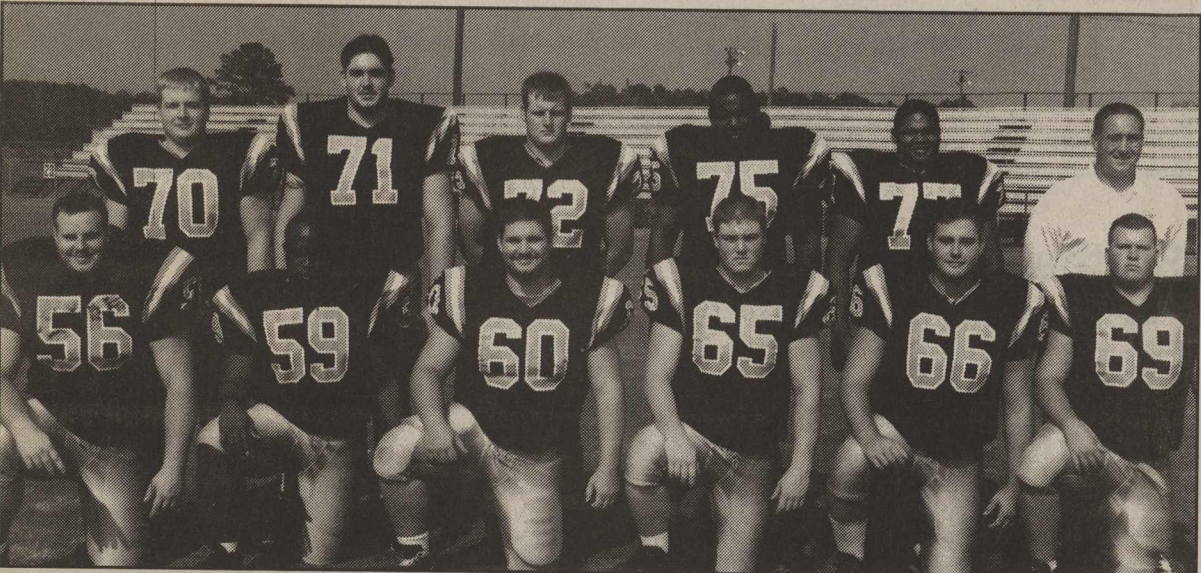
A graduate of Vaiden High School, Moore attended Holmes Community College and Delta State University. She received her bachelor's degree in social studies and English, a master's degree in English education and an educational specialist degree from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Ernest Moore, an instructor at the Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center. They have two sons: Ray, 23 and Patrick 20.



ECCC quarterbacks, running backs

Quarterbacks and running backs on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) running back Kevin McKenzie, Plantation (Fla.) High School; running back Jarvis Smith, Soddy-Daisy (Tenn.) High School; quarterback Josh Hatcher, Winston Academy/Philadelphia; quarterback Mark Fleming, Leake Academy/Philadelphia; and quarterback Reggie Flunge, Comeaux (La.) High School; and (standing from left) quarterback Josh Hardy, Philadelphia; Running back Andy Sagona, Sebastopol; running back Steve Henley, Louisville; and running backs Jamarus Murray and Marcus Brown, both of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) High School. And pictured is positions coach Todd Mangum.



ECCC offensive linemen

Offensive linemen on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) strong tackle Allen Clark, Noxapater; quick guard Samuel Agee and center Greg Busby, both of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); quick tackle Joey Lowry, Winston Academy; quick guard Dusty Comans, Sebastopol; and strong tackle Brock Lillis, Neshoba Central; and (standing from left) strong tackle Adam Lowry, Louisville; quick tackle Steven York, Forney (Texas) High School; strong guard/center Kyle Watson, Neshoba Central; quick tackle Chester Patrick, Union; and offensive lineman Edwit Epting, Forest. Also pictured is positions/head coach Terry Underwood.



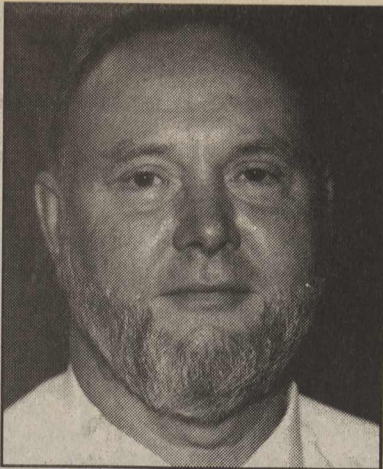
ECCC defensive backs

Defensive backs on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Wesley Boyd, Morton; Jermain Boyd, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); Duane Brisbon, Holly-Hill Roberts (S.C.) High School; and Andre' Slayton, Tuscaloosa Central; and (standing from left) Chris Ray, Seminole County (Ga.) High School; Chad Jones, Morton; and Freeman Jimison, Morton. Also pictured is positions coach Timmy Coats.



ECCC cheerleaders

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior cheerleading squad for 1998-99 include (seated, from left) Robyn Watts of Union, Emily Johnson of Neshoba Central and Jessica Hester of Pearl; (kneeling from left) Nikki Way of Newton, Amy Clark of Newton County, and Staci Slayton of Enterprise; and (standing from left) Jeremy Nowell of Nanih Waiya, Daphne Hudnall of Newton County, Brian Madison of Neshoba Central, Leslie Brackeen of Newton County, Alex Lee of Lake, Jennifer Pace of Newton County, Chris VanEtten of Scott Central, Tesa Henry of Forest and Harold Hollingsworth III of Meridian. Virginia Pace serves as sponsor.



James Clark

James Clark of Lake was recently named to the Electronic Technology instructor position at East Central Community College. Prior to joining the East Central staff, Clark was a test engineer for Hughes Aircraft Mississippi, Inc.

He has also held positions with Solano Community College in Suisun, Calif. and Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, Calif. He served 19 years in the United States Navy.

A graduate of Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Ky., Clark received his associate's degrees in Consumer Electronics and Television Service from Solano Community College.

He is married to the former Barbara Conley of Garrison, Ky.

★ Thrash

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Texas instruments, Inc. in Lewisville, Texas. Thrash was a graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has been an adjunct faculty member at ECCC since 1992.

A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Thrash received his associate's degree from East Central Junior College. He obtained bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from the University of Southern Mississippi. He received a master's degree in computer science from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and has completed post-master's work in computer science and control systems at the University of North Texas and the University of West Florida.

Thrash's wife, Marjory, teaches eighth grade English at Hawkins Middle School in Forest. They have four children: Andrew, 14; Jenna, 12; Bridget, 6; and Michael, 3.

★ Blackburn

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at ECCC. Blackburn has been a member of the College staff since 1975.

He is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Junior College, where he received an associate in applied science degree in drafting; and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial and vocational education.

Blackburn is married to the former Jo Munn of Decatur, who is employed as a secretary at the Newton County Vocational-Technical Center. They have two daughters, Tracy Blackburn, a counselor at Newton County Elementary School; and Mrs. Jamey (Kim) Smith of Enterprise, an elementary education major at Meridian Community College. The Smiths have a two-year-old daughter, Ashton.

★ West

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continuing education coordinator and women's residence hall advisor. She is also a former instructor for Newton County and Scott Central high schools and Jones Junior High School in Laurel.

A graduate of Yazoo City High School, West received her associate's degree from Clarke College and her bachelor's degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg. She obtained the master's degree in communications from the University of Southern Mississippi and has complete additional coursework at Mississippi State University.



Martha Stokes

Martha Stokes of Louisville was recently selected allied health instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Stokes was a nurse with Alexander's Home Health in Louisville. She is also a former charge nurse for the Care Center of Louisville and was earlier assistant director of nursing/charge nurse for Choctaw County Medical Center/Nursing Home in Ackerman.

A graduate of Louisville High School, Stokes received her associate's degree in nursing from Meridian Community College.

She is married to Johnny Stokes of Louisville, co-owner of Choctaw Rails, a railroad construction company. They have one daughter, Hayden Caroline, 4.

★ Hennington

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High School and Solomon Junior High in Greenville and Clinton High School. She served one year as a research assistant with USDA-ARS in Stoneville.

She is a recipient of the Merck Young Investigator Award given by the American Heart Association for excellence in research. Dr. Hennington also received a National Health Institute National Research Service Award of \$120,000 for three years of research in the area of Renal Physiology. While teaching at St. Joseph High School, she received the STAR Teacher award on three occasions.

A graduate of Greenville High School, Dr. Hennington received her bachelor's degree in biology and her master's degree in special education from Delta State University. She obtained her doctor of philosophy degree in biochemistry from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Hennington and her husband Frank, who works for Entergy Corporation, have a daughter, Kim Hardeman, a classroom teacher in Madison, and a son, Andy Tubertini, a student at the University of Mississippi. They have one grandchild, Max Hardeman, 2.

★ Health clinic

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Center
Where: Vickers' Fine Arts
Time: 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

What: "Domestic Violence"
When: Thursday, Sept. 24
Who: Leslie Lee Priester, Care Lodge
Where: Vickers' Fine Arts
Time: 10:45 a.m. - 11:30

What: Faculty Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Cholesterol Screening and Flu Shots
When: Tuesday, Oct. 1
Who: Work Force Wellness of Rush Foundation Hospital
Where: Vickers' Fine Arts
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

What: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month - "Facts about breast cancer and the importance of early detection"
When: Thursday, Oct. 15
Who: Dr. Jack Sariego, Surgeon at Newton Regional Hospital
Where: Vickers' Fine Arts
Time: 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

What: "Sexually Transmitted Diseases"
When: Tuesday, Nov. 10
Who: Gale Gray, State Department of Health
Where: Vickers' Fine Arts
Time: 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.



Carol Shackelford

Carol Shackelford of Union was recently named English instructor at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Shackelford served as English instructor at Union High School and was a member of the ECCC adjunct faculty.

Shackelford is a six time recipient of the STAR Teacher award and was chosen to attend the Lamplighter conference in 1996, which recognizes outstanding community/junior college instructors. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority and the Union Present Day Club.

A graduate of Lake High School, Shackelford received her associate's degree from East Central Junior College and her bachelor's degree in English education from Mississippi State University. She also obtained the master of education and the educational specialist degrees from MSU.

She and her husband Rick, have a daughter, Sandy Thorton of Ridgeland, who works with Union Planters Bank and a son, Casey, who attends Union Junior High School.

★ Brownlee

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diate bands at Guntown Middle School.

A graduate of Senatobia High School, Brownlee attended Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia. He received his bachelor's degree in music education from Delta State University and his master of music education from the University of Mississippi.

Brownlee is married to the former Roseann Rice of Tupelo. They have a son, Jordan, and are expecting their second child in September.

Invitations extended

Theta Xi Chapter will extend 25 invitations to returning students who meet requirements for membership in Phi Theta Kappa based on 3.5 overall GPA from spring semester.

The students receiving invitations should expect to receive them in early September. Induction ceremonies are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 22.

MS/LA-AL Honors Institute held at Millsaps

An Honors Institute for the Mississippi/Louisiana-Alabama Phi Theta Kappans was held on July 23-25 at Millsaps College in Jackson.

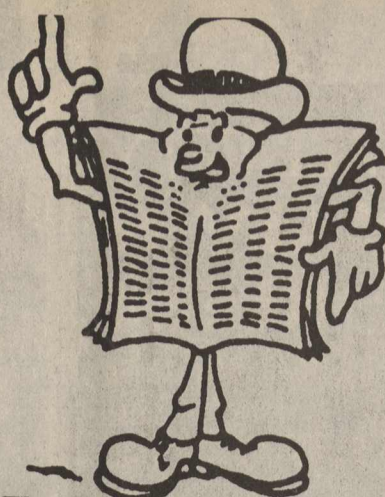
Highlights of the program included topics related to the International Honors Study Topic, "The Pursuit of Happiness: Conflicting Visions and Values."

The opening session was "The Pursuit of Happiness through Music." Dr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith, Ross Price and Josh Bamberg gave an outstanding performance. The Collegians were well received as they performed in the bowl during the picnic.

Billy Wilson, director of the honors program with the International staff presented the honors study topic on Friday morning. Dr. Harris and Mrs. Carol Vickers gave a preview to "Splendors of Versailles" before their visit to the exhibit on Friday afternoon.

A reception was held at the Center for Excellence, a line dance by senior citizens from St. Catherine's Village, and a pottery demonstration by Robert Pickenpaugh completed Friday's agenda.

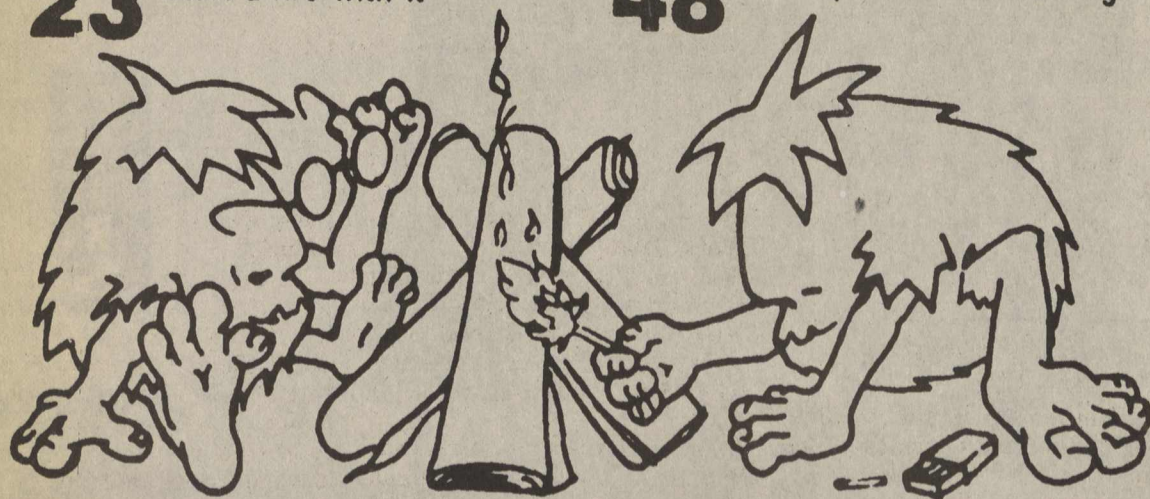
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- 2 Line your bird cage
- 3 Make a fireman's hat
- 4 Shade the sun from your eyes
- 5 Mulch for your garden
- 6 To pottie train house pets

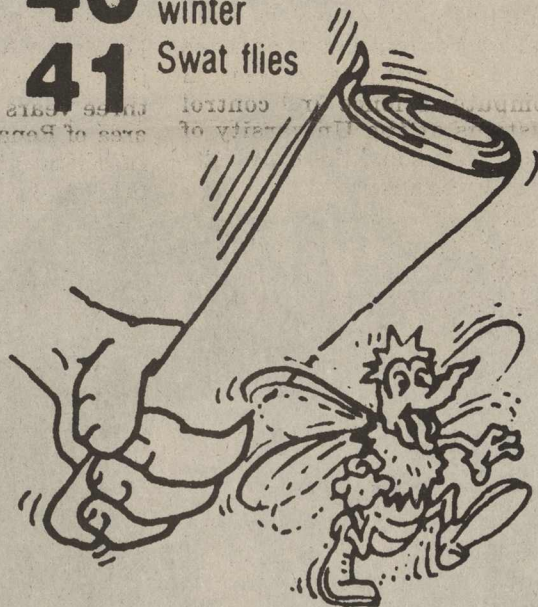


- 7 Wrap fish and other goop in it
- 8 Wrapping for freezing meat
- 9 Use to pack with when moving
- 10 Roll into fireplace logs
- 11 Blanket for bench sleeping
- 12 Roll up to make telescope
- 13 Recycle for cash
- 14 Clean car windows
- 15 Make spit balls
- 16 Temporary curtains for your home
- 17 Put on floor when painting
- 18 Use for wrapping gifts
- 19 Emergency toilet paper
- 20 Use as insulation
- 21 Use letters for writing ransom notes
- 22 Rustling sound effect for home movies
- 23 Start a fire with it



- 24 Make into house slippers.
- 25 Roll up to make a megaphone
- 26 Stand on pile to appear tall
- 27 Make a collage

- 28 Use as a temporary cast
- 29 Use as shoehorn
- 30 Make a fan
- 31 Empty vacuum cleaner on it
- 32 Fix hole in shoe
- 33 Keep flowers fresh until you get vase
- 34 Put on floor when you shell pecans
- 35 Spank your dog
- 36 Make confetti
- 37 Scoop up dead bugs
- 38 Fingerprint on it
- 39 Stuff in wet boots to help them dry
- 40 Insulate water pipes in winter
- 41 Swat flies

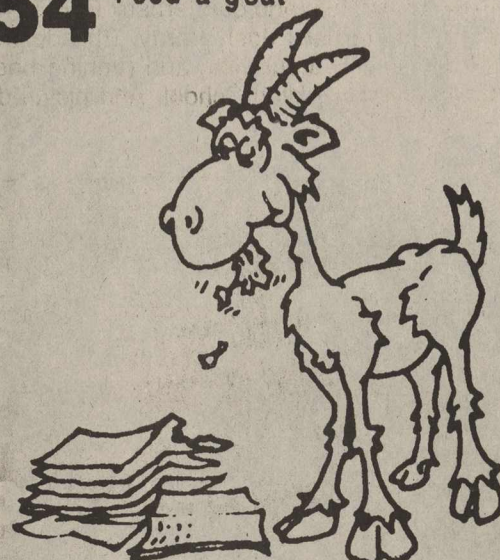


- 42 Use rolled up to beat rug
- 43 To line the trash can
- 44 Make a kite
- 45 Paper your friend's yard
- 46 Clean your feet on
- 47 Use as funnel for filling gas tank
- 48 Make patterns for sewing



- 49 A must for silly-putty users
- 50 Keep kitchen clean when transferring potted plants
- 51 Use for ironing ties
- 52 Make printer's hat

- 53 Stuff in shirt to make muscles
- 54 Feed a goat



- 55 Absorb things you spill
- 56 Make paper dolls
- 57 To hide in at dinner table
- 58 For table cloth at annual picnic
- 59 A source for rubber bands
- 60 Collect as a hobby
- 61 Make yourself look important by carrying it
- 62 Use as door-stop
- 63 Disposable plate when eating watermelon
- 64 Use in magic tricks
- 65 Tearing strips for birthday party streamers
- 66 Save the seat next to you
- 67 Make a Christmas wreath
- 68 Take out frustration by tearing and throwing
- 69 To collect hair when cutting
- 70 Blot your lipstick
- 71 Pack the ice cream freezer
- 72 Test out your new paperweight
- 73 Practice stapling
- 74 Make people think you're not at home
- 75 Stuff pillows
- 76 Use under car when you have oil leak
- 77 Backing for wax transfers
- 78 Make a dummy for Halloween
- 79 Mask your car for painting
- 80 Use as a coaster for cold drinks
- 81 Use as a dart board
- 82 Practice for big-league basketball

- 83 Fold up a page and make your wallet look impressive
- 84 Make your hat fit better
- 85 A wrapper for used chewing gum
- 86 Collect the yellow from the sun
- 87 Good for breaking windows, screen doors, etc.
- 88 Exercise your grip
- 89 Teach dog to fetch
- 90 Backing for magic marker art projects
- 91 Sit on it at raining football games
- 92 A place mat for office coffee pot
- 93 Use as dust pan
- 94 Give subscription as a gift
- 95 Temporary replacement for broken window
- 96 Filler for Santa Claus belly
- 97 Paper stencils
- 98 Use as worm food



- 99 Read it: national and local news, sports, editorials, human interest, television listings, wedding announcements, births, deaths, are all available in the newspaper.

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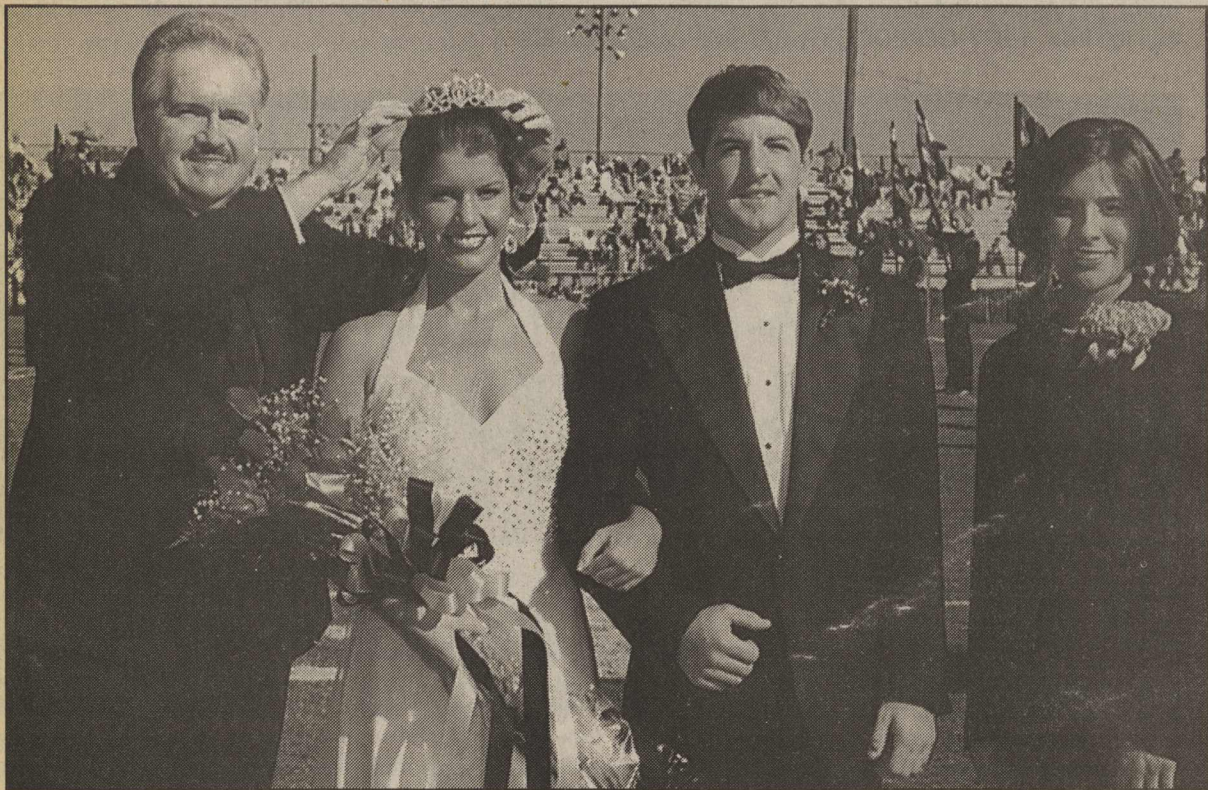
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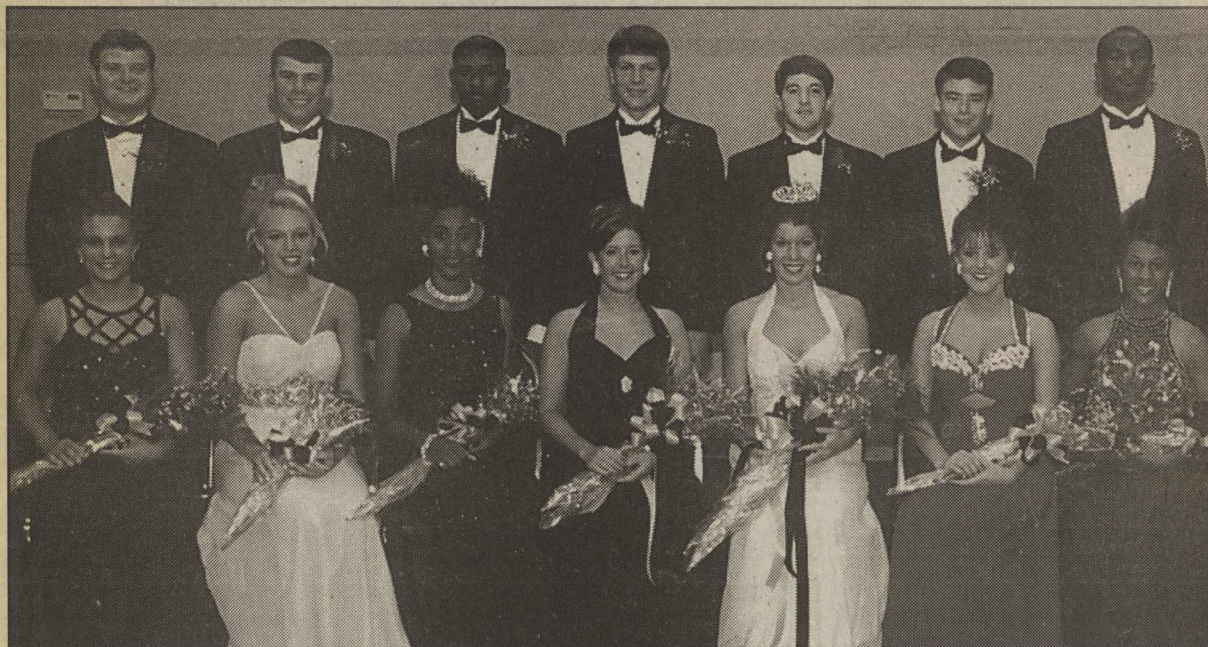
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Vowell crowned ECCC queen

Sophomore Natalie Vowell of Louisville was crowned homecoming queen at East Central Community College during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' football game with Hinds Community College on Saturday, Oct. 10. Vowell, a graduate of Winston Academy and daughter of E. L. and Sylvia Vowell of Louisville, is shown receiving her crown from ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Also pictured are Miss Vowell's escort, Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, and Laura Gill of Carthage, 1997 homecoming queen, who presented the new titleholder with a bouquet of roses.



ECCC homecoming court

Members of the 1998 East Central Community College Homecoming Court included, seated, from left, sophomore maids Ragan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya, Ginger Moore of Noxapater and Lasherish Anderson of Lake; maid of honor Corrin Chambliss of Louisville, queen Natalie Vowell of Winston Academy, and freshman maids Angela Jayroe of Louisville, Nykela Horne of Neshoba Central, Ashley McDill of Newton County and Sonya Clearman of West Lauderdale; and, standing, from left, escorts Justin Long of Neshoba Central, Justin Chaney of Newton County, Larry Derrick of Forest, Ryan Gilmer of Neshoba Central, Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, T. J. Madison and Tawaski Carter, both of Neshoba Central, Michael Hall of Leake Academy and Justin Clearman of Neshoba Central. The court was presented during halftime activities of the East Central-Hinds football game held Saturday, Oct. 10 on the Decatur campus.



ECCC participates in farmer aid project

East Central Community College in Decatur is participating in a project to aid drought-stricken farmers in Texas by utilizing the College's truck driving program. Shown prior to recently delivering a load of 32 hay bales to the Jackson railroad terminal for later transport to Texas are, from left, Pete Copes, truck driving instructor, and Janet Shelton and Don Thomas, both students in the JTPA program. Future plans are to have the College's truck driving program hauling loads of hay directly to needed areas in Texas.

ADN program completes next accreditation step

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) has approved continuing full accreditation status of East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program, according to an announcement by Thomas D. Layzell, IHL commissioner. In a letter to ECCC president D. Eddie M. Smith, Layzell noted approval was based on a state accreditation site visit conducted on the Decatur campus in October, 1997.

Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction, said the Board action is part of the on-going accreditation process for Associate Degree Nursing programs. "Continued accreditation means that the College's ADN graduates continue to be eligible to take State Board examinations to become registered nurses," Dr. Sutphin added.

The visit by the State to reaffirm accreditation for the ADN program occurred simultaneously with the initial accreditation visit by the National League of Nursing Accreditation Committee. The NLNAC site visit team informed ECCC officials that it would recommend that the ADN program receive initial full national level accreditation. Dr. Sutphin said the initial meeting of the NLNAC to approve recommendation from the committee's site visit is scheduled in early January. "At that time, our Associate Degree Nursing



Classes for students enrolled in East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program are held in the above building which also houses child care technology majors. The Associate Degree Nursing program is fully accredited at the state level and has been recommended to receive national accreditation.

program will not only hold the required state accreditation but will also hold the optional national accreditation.

East Central admitted its first class of Associate Degree Nursing students in the fall of 1994. During that period the program received initial accreditation from the IHL Board of Trustees, which allowed the graduates to take the State Board Examinations to become registered nurses.

The first class completed its coursework in the spring of 1996 and sat for the state exams, earning a 95 percent pass rate on the first write. It was at this time that the ADN program received full accreditation from

the state.

In other matters related to the College's health-related studies, the Licensed Practical Nursing program registered a 100 percent pass rate on State Boards for the second year in a row, and graduates of the Surgical Technology program continue to receive job offers before graduation. "All of the College's health-related programs continue to have very high job placement rates," said Dr. Sutphin.

For more information about the College's Associate Degree Nursing program, contact Nancy Harris, director, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, phone 635-2111, ext. 294.

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1998 FALL EXAM SCHEDULE

If your class meets as listed below:		Exams will be given as listed below:
Monday, December 14, 1998		
Class		Exam
TT	8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
TT	12:55 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
TT	9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 15, 1998		
MWF	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
MWF	1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
MWF	8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16, 1998		
MWF	11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
TT	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
MWF	10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 17, 1998		
MW	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
MWF	12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All Vocational Course Exams will be given Wednesday, December 16, 1998, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Grades will be due in the Admissions Office Thursday, December, 17, 1998, at 2:30 p.m.



Convention delegates

These East Central Community College Associate Degree Nursing students were recently selected as delegates to the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Convention which was held in October in Biloxi. Delegates are, from left, Kellie Moore of Raleigh, Denise Willis of Philadelphia, Erica Flake of Carthage, and Shea Trapp and Parish Williamson, both of Philadelphia.



Attend ECCC class reunion

Above are members of the Class of 1948 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held Oct. 10 as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration. Seated from left are Evelyn Rowzee Craft, Bartlett, Tenn.; Ollie Fay Wood Flint, Philadelphia; Ann Leech Proctor, Arlington, Tenn.; June Tobelman, Decatur; Dorothy Crenshaw Young, Louisville; Fannie McCann, Jackson; Mary Ann Tabor Sessions, Long Beach; Coy Smith Jefcoat, Meridian; and Doris Henley Murphy, Clinton. Standing, from left are Gene Earp, Baton Rouge, La.; Jim Wood, Louisville; Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur; Howard Sessums, Clinton; Paul Simmons, Louisville; Bernell Adkins, Union; James McCann, Jackson; Louis Randy Walsh, Clinton; James K. Moore, Argyle, Texas; James Jefcoat, Meridian; Jim Walton, Laurel; and Harold Murphy, Clinton. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.



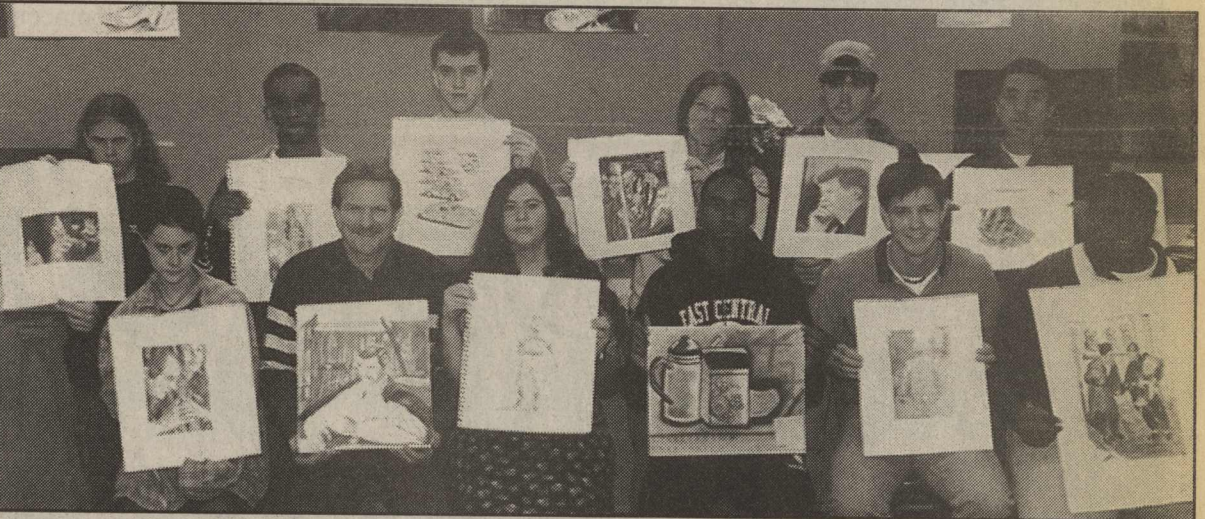
ECCC homecoming honorees

Recipients of Alumni Association honors presented during homecoming activities held Oct. 10, at East Central Community College in Decatur included, seated from left, T. H. "Tam" Etheridge of Jackson, Alumnus of the Year; Nell allen Rogers of Philadelphia, Alumna of the Year; Leesa Lee Wilkinson of Meridian, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Conrad Germany of Union, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year; and, standing, from left, Coach Van Chancellor of Houston, Texas, Deborah Norwood Duncan of Philadelphia and Howard Sessums of Clinton, new inductees into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Etheridge (Class of 1953) serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc. in Carthage. Rogers, who attended East Central during the 1965-66 College term, serves as congressional liaison for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia. Wilkinson is a music keyboard instructor and Germany teaches collision repair technology. A Louisville native, Chancellor (Class of 1963) is head coach/general manager of the WNBA Houston Comets, winners of the league's first two championship titles. He also had a successful coaching career leading the Ole Miss Lady Rebel basketball program. Duncan (Class of 1970) is a teacher/coach at Neshoba Central High School and a former standout athlete at Louisville High School, National Business College, ECJC and Mississippi State College for Women, where she earned All-American honors. She also had a successful coaching career. Sessums (Class of 1947) retired Director of Personnel for the Mississippi Department of Education, is a former standout athlete at Morton High School, East Central and Mississippi College. He also had a successful coaching and officiating career. The awards were presented at the annual Alumni Luncheon held in Mabry Cafeteria.



Board of trustees

Serving as members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (seated from left) Silas O'Neal, Carthage; Billy Nicholson, vice chairman, Union; Jerry Nance, secretary, Louisville; Prentice Copeland, chairman, Philadelphia; Janie Wilbanks, Carthage; and Randal Livingston and Dr. John Garner, both of Louisville; (second row, from left) Billy Pierce, Decatur; W. Edward Kitchings, Carthage; Bill Thames, Newton; Gary McDill, Conehatta; Leo Parker, Noxapater; James E. Petty, Carthage; and Delane Hudson, Louisville; and (back row, from left) Jack Winstead, Lawrence; Frank McCurdy, Morton; Jackie L. Bradford, Forest; Paul Simmons, Louisville; Dale Rogers, Walnut Grove; Tommy Harrison, Forest; and Jerry K. Moore, Carthage. Not pictured are Ramona Adcock, Rivers Breazeale and Steve Nelson, all of Philadelphia; Edsel Cliburn, Union; Myrtle Burton, Newton; A. F. Hollingsworth, Lake; and Rebecca Farris and Vernon Crotwell, both of Morton.



Art show participants

These East Central Community College students will display their artistic talents at the College's annual Fall Art Show scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Art instructor Bruce Guraedy said this year's students "are some of the best drawers in recent memory." Guraedy added the artwork represents "a good display of realism and impressionism." In addition to the various charcoal and pencil drawings of landscapes and still-lives, a variety of ceramic work will be on display. Refreshments will also be served. Seated from left are April Clark, Philadelphia; Kenneth Thrash and Amy Butler, both of Union; Otis Wallace, Memphis, Tenn.; Linzy Gressett, Carthage; and Kenny White, Newton. Standing from left are Todd Mullins, Louisville; Marlon Adams, Decatur; Chris Fuller, Homewood; Debra Miller, Decatur; Brit Cleveland, Union; and Kevin Shumake, Philadelphia.

Free poetry contest open to area residents

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$48,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the North American Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Decatur area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of our 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Dec. 31. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, Contest Director. "Poets from the Decatur area have successfully competed in past competitions." Every poem entered also

has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and style, to: The National Library of Poetry, Suite 1946, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings, Mills, MD 21117-6282 or go to www.poetry.com. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by Dec. 31. A new contest opens Jan. 1, 1999.

The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.



Wanda Brackeen

Brackeen named cosmetology instructor

Wanda Brackeen of Hickory was recently named cosmetology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Brackeen, who began her new duties on Oct. 1, previously served as owner/operator of Wanda's Beauty Shop in Hickory. She is also a former instructor at Hatfield's College of Beauty Culture in Laurel and at Final Touch Beauty School in Meridian.

A graduate of Hickory High School, Brackeen holds a certificate in cosmetology and a teacher training certificate in cosmetology from East Central Community College.

Brackeen is an active member of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce and Sand Springs Baptist Church.

She is married to Wayne Brackeen and they have three children and four grandchildren.

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Participate in 'Make a Difference Day'

AmeriCorps personnel at East Central Community College recently participated in America's eighth annual "Make a Difference Day," which helps promote volunteerism year-round. Participants visited the Convarest Nursing Home in Newton where they greeted residents with fresh flowers. Volunteers include, standing, from left, Charlene Clemons of Decatur, Linda Triplett of Louisville and Shemeka Cleveland of Decatur.



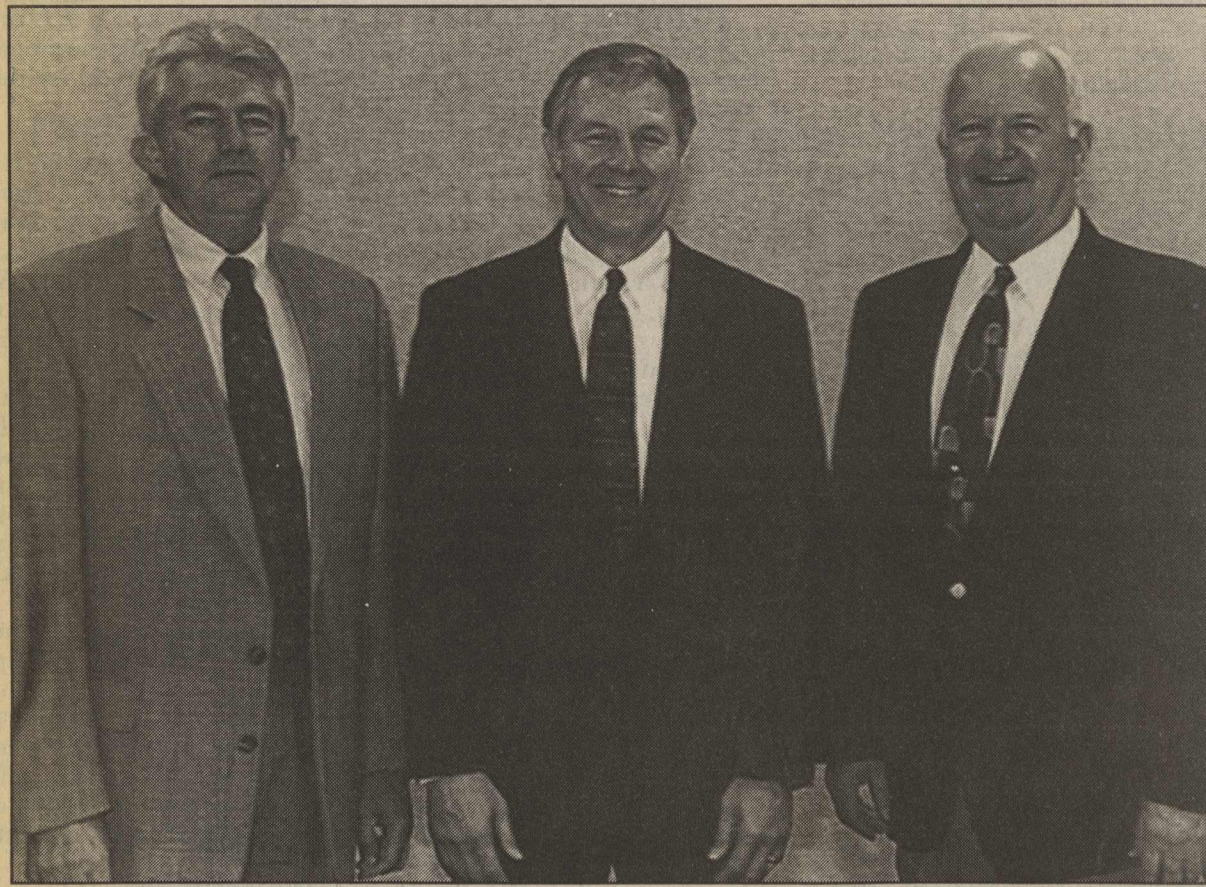
Pageant finalists

Top 11 finalists in the annual beauty pageant included, from left, Nykela Horne of Neshoba Central, Crystal Cooley of Newton County, Tesa Henry of Forest, Courtney Wilcher of Edinburg, Heather Hamilton of Newton, Danna Dye of Morton, Melissa Till of Pelahatchie, Susan Boatner of Clarkdale, Angela Jayroe of Louisville, Misti Harrell of Scott Central and Ginger Moore of Noxapater. Cooley, Wilcher, Boatner and Harrell were selected beauties. Dye was chosen most beautiful.



Collegians perform fall concert

The Collegians, East Central Community College's top 40 vocal/instrumental group, held their annual fall campus concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The popular band performed selections by Barenaked Ladies, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and many other top artists. Admission is free. Group members include Josh Sanders, Tori Jordan, Jason Gaines and Jay Smith, all of Decatur; Chas Evans, Chunky; Beckie Fulton and Craig McRae, both of Carthage; Nicki Peden, Jason Wallace and Ryan Woodard, all of Louisville; Ashley Byram and Dusty Comans, both of Sebastopol; Mark Eakes, Matt Eakes, Brandi Duncan and Nathan Shaw, all of Philadelphia; Jeff Denison, Morton; Susan Staton and Stephen Spire, both of Union; Robert Savell, Lake; and Gabriel Velasco, West Point. The popular musicians are under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands. The Collegians are also looking forward to entertaining at a band festival in the Bahamas next May.



ECCC speaker

Motivational speaker Terry Rhodes, center, of Van Fleet, is shown with East Central Community College officials John Adcock, left, district director of vocational-technical instruction, and Jimmy Dempsey, vo-tech counselor (and Rhodes' high school football coach at Houston), following his address to a standing room only crowd in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. Rhodes, who overcame numerous health problems and other setbacks to later star for the University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagle football team, spoke on the ABC's of success: Attitude, Belief and Commitment. He also emphasized that life is a team sport. "It is very difficult for someone to become successful without the help and assistance of others," he added. A former successful football coach, Rhodes has delivered his message in over 300 cities, 28 states and two countries. Rhodes also serves as pastor of Pineview Mission Church in Houston, and is employed as a sales account executive for Stuart C. Irby Company in Tupelo.

Forest selected workforce specialist

Ron Forest of Newton was recently named workforce specialist at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

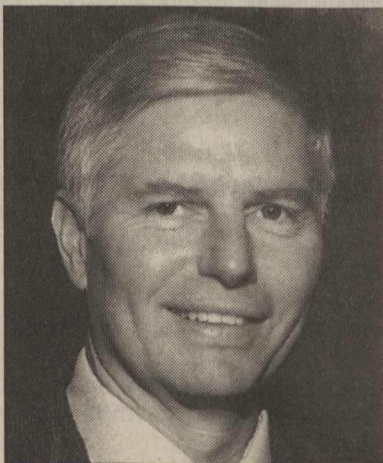
Forest, whose office is located at the College's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center, previously served the College as curriculum writer and trainer.

He is also a former safety manager at La-Z-Boy in Newton and earlier served as employer specialist for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. He retired in 1994 from the U. S.

Air Force following 22 years of service.

A graduate of Newton High School, Forest holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from Mississippi State University and a master of arts degree in executive development for public services from Ball State University.

He is married to the former Malinda Fyke of Starkville and they have three children, Neil, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Deanna, a senior at MSU; and Wesley, a senior at Newton High School.



Ron Forest



ECCC's lamplighter honorees

Representing East Central Community College at the Lamplighter 1998 Conference which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college faculty members were (seated from left) Juanita West, speech instructor; Tonya Trapp Nowell, adjunct psychology instructor; and (standing from left) Todd Eldridge, library technical assistant computer instructor; Dr. Thomas Key, biology instructor; Brenda Johnson, computer technology instructor; and Patricia Gaddis, associate degree nursing instructor. The Lamplighter Conference was founded in 1990 by the Academic Deans' Association to provide an opportunity for instructional faculty from the 15 community and junior colleges in Mississippi to come together each year to share ideas and discuss educational issues important to the instructional process. This year's conference was hosted by Itawamba Community College in Fulton.



Present ECCC dinner theatre

The East Central Community College Players opened their 1998-99 season with a dinner theater presentation of "Steppin Out." Original dialogue was written by retired East Central instructor Ovid Vickers and songs were selected by Lila Hunt who also directs. Participants include, seated, ECCC music keyboard instructor Tonya Morgan, accompanist, and Hunt; and standing, from left, Joseph Haynes of Louisville, Jennifer Potvine of Chicago, Ill.; Beckie Fulton of Carthage, Melanie Kemp of Collinsville, Teresa Moore of Carthage, Tahnee Jones of Morton, Daniel organ of Forest, Chad Anderson of Philadelphia, Michael Cutway of Decatur, Ken Thrash and Emily Germany, both of Union; Sheila Coleman of Louisville, Brandi Duncan and Rebecca McNally, both of Philadelphia; Melissa Till of Pelahatchie, Tim Jordan of Decatur and Nickie Peden of Louisville.

McDill awarded ECCC scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore baseball player Dennis McDill of Edinburg was recently awarded a scholarship by Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark McDill, a 6' 2", 190-pound right-handed pitcher, was a walk-on member on last year's state championship squad.

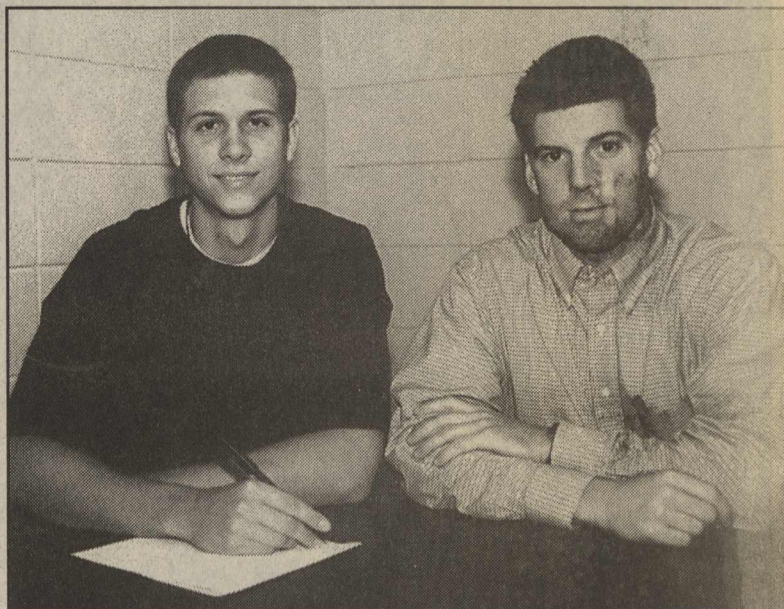
The Leake Academy product saw limited action on the mound last season, as he registered approximately 15 innings of relief work. This past fall he became a member of the starting rotation and led the Warrior pitching staff with a .64 earned run average. At Leake Academy, he posted a 1.95 ERA his senior season and a 1.9 ERA during his junior campaign.

Coach Clark praised his most recent signee.

"Dennis has earned a scholarship through his hard work and success on the mound. He should play a major role in the upcoming season."

The Diamond Warrior head mentor said it is not uncommon for walk-ons to earn a spot on the baseball team.

"Walk-ons have played a very important part of the East Central Community College baseball program. Every year we have had someone to come in and earn a scholarship, and Dennis is a great example of how hard work and determination can pay off."



Sophomore Dennis McDill of Edinburg is now a scholarship member of the East Central Community College baseball team. The Leake Academy product and freshman walk-on is shown signing a national letter of intent with ECCC as Diamond Warrior assistant coach Neal Holliman looks on. McDill is the son of Glenn and Barbara McDill of Edinburg.

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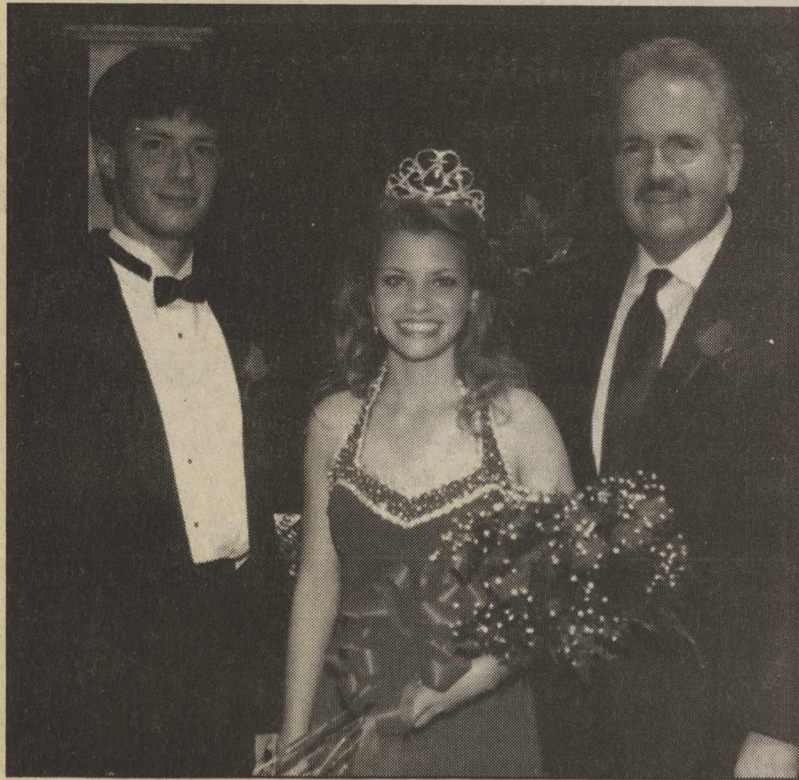
ECCC skills center assistants

Serving as lab assistants for the East Central Community College Learning Skills Center are, seated, from left, Charlene Clemons of Decatur, part-time Americorps assistant; Shanna McKee of Sebastopol, Americorps EAO (Educational Award Only); and Shemeka Cleveland of Decatur, full-time Americorps assistant; and standing, from left, Linda Triplett of Louisville, part-time Americorps assistant; and Beverly Hollingsworth of Forest, full-time Vista assistant. The Learning Skills Center is open Monday through Friday on the Decatur campus and provides computer assisted instruction as well as peer tutoring. For more information contact Mary Hanson, Director of the Learning Skills Center, at ECCC, P. O. BOX 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, phone 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222, ext. 329).



Outstanding ECCC nursing students

East Central Community College Associate DEgree Nursing students Mary Adkins, left, and Denise Willis, both of Philadelphia, were recently inducted into the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN) Hall of Fame. They were recognized at the annual MAS Convention held in October in Biloxi. Each year, faculty and students in the ECCC ADN program selected two students for the hall of fame.



Dye selected most beautiful

Danna Dye (center) of Morton was recently crowned most beautiful in the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant. Most handsome Justin Clearman (left) of Philadelphia was chosen by a vote of the student body. Crowning most beautiful was College president Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Dye is the daughter of Leon and Charlene Dye of Morton. Clearman is the son of Vickie Savoy and Donnie Clearman, both of Philadelphia.



Smith honored for service

Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right), president of East Central Community College, received a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his service as president of the Mississippi Association of Colleges for the 1997-98 term. Shown with Dr. Smith is new MAC president Dr. Howell Todd who made the presentation at the annual MAC Junior/Senior College Conference hosted by ECCC and held at Lake Tiak O'Khata and on the College's Decatur campus. Dr. Todd serves as president of Mississippi College in Clinton.



State HOSA president

East Central Community College sophomore Alex Lee, left, of Lake was recently elected president of the post secondary division of the Mississippi HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America) organization for 1998-99. The selection of secondary and post secondary state officers was held at the annual Fall Leadership Conference held on the ECCC campus in Decatur. Lee, a surgical technology major, is shown with his instructor, Janice Jacobs, who also serves as an advisor for the College's HOSA chapter.



Drum majors

Tiffany Edwards, right, of Scott Central High School is serving as drum major for the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band and Michelle May of Newton County High School serves as assistant drum major. Edwards is the daughter of Debbie Tadlock of Forest and Richard Edwards of Lake Charles, La. May is the daughter of Ricky and Carol May of Lawrence. The ECCC Wall O' Sound Marching Band recently took second place honors in the "Best College Band in Mississippi" contest sponsored by the Clarion Ledger. The ECCC band was the top vote-getter of all community/junior college bands in the state and finished only a few votes behind Jackson State University's Sonic Boom of the South.

Learning about coaching

Newton High School head football coach Jeff Breland, second from left, explains various aspects of the coaching profession to East Central Community College football players, from left, Kendrick Clancy of Holt, Ala.; Jason Nixon of Dothan, Ala.; and Shaun Walker of Morton, during a recent visit to the Tiger practice field. The Warrior team members are among students participating in a "job shadowing" program offered through the College's Career Exploration class. Purpose of the job shadowing program is to expose students to occupations for which they have an interest in pursuing as a career. Academic instructor Michael Alexander serves as instructor of the Career Exploration class.



Diamond Warrior pitcher/first baseman Jason Willis will continue his athletic career with the University of Mississippi. The Neshoba Central High School product is shown during the scholarship signing ceremony with his parents, Derrell and Linda Willis of Philadelphia.

Ole Miss signs ECCC standout

East Central Community College baseball standout Jason Willis of Philadelphia has signed a national letter of intent with the University of Mississippi.

Willis, a 6'4", 220-pound pitcher/first baseman, posted a 9-3 mark on the mound for the 1998 Diamond Warriors who captured the College's first ever state baseball championship. The right-handed hurler recorded 103 strikeouts and registered a 2.82 earned run average.

The Neshoba Central High School product is also an offensive threat. He batted .334 last season and hit 13 home runs. In addition, he collected 50 RBI's.

Willis received numerous

honors following the Diamond Warriors' 32-22 campaign. He was an All-Region 23 and All-State selection and was named most valuable player in the South Division.

In addition, he received the Diamond Warriors' most valuable player award.

Willis is a business major at East Central and has a 3.5 grade point average. His parents are Linda and Derrell Willis of Philadelphia.

Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark said Willis turned down offers from the University of Southern Mississippi, Northeast Louisiana and South Alabama to sign with Ole Miss.

THETA XI NEWS

THETA XI VISITS MERIDIAN MUSEUM

Five members of Theta Xi Chapter and advisors attended a reception for Kenneth Quinn and Sam Gore at the Meridian Museum of Art.

Neil Hansford, Celeste Staton, Regan Mitchell, Christy Pearce, Uwe Dotzau, Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris met with members of Nu Upsilon for the viewing of the art followed by a fellowship period at the Cracker Barrel.

Dr. Sam Gore and Kenneth Quinn are members of the faculty at Mississippi College. Quinn's collection of Mississippi artists has grown through the years to over 175 pieces.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

The International Service Project for 1998-99 is "America Reads Challenge." Theta Xi is actively participating in this service project by volunteering as readers in the "Mississippi Reads Challenge" headed by Mrs. Mary Hanson, director of the Learning Skills Center at East Central.

Many members of the Chapter are participating by bringing books to be given to the Decatur Public Library, while others and members of the student body are giving donations to be given to a representative of AmeriCorp's Campus Link and Mississippi Reads from the Research & Development Center in Jackson.

The Chapter will give five copies of *The Llamas Pajamas* by Carol Vickers to the Decatur Public Library. Mrs. Vickers read the book to those attending the MS/LA Regional Leadership Conference as part of the kickoff to Mississippi Reads.

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

As part of the Founders Day celebrations, Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted a reception in the conference room of Burton Library. Members of the Chapter, faculty and administration attended the reception during activity period on Nov. 19.

Several of the Chapter officers and advisors of Theta Xi traveled to Jackson to attend the Regional Celebration of Founders Day and helped with

the International Service Project. They enjoyed a "Dutch treat" fellowship at the Roadhouse Grill after the presentation.

THETA XI COMPLETES COLLEGE SERVICE PROJECT

Two hundred fifteen letters were recently mailed to members of the Beta Club or the National Honor Society by Theta Xi Chapter members congratulating them for their academic accomplishments.

Hopefully, these seniors will attend East Central in the fall. The College Service Project was agreed upon in February by the President of the College, Dr. Eddie Smith, and the Chapter to actively recruit academically talented students to east Central.

In a final effort to meet this objective, members of the Chapter will send Christmas cards in early December to these students inviting them to East Central to see our campus and talk to the officers and advisors of Theta Xi Chapter about "Our College."

GO FOR THE GOALS

By REGAN MITCHELL
The Tom Tom

For many, there is no greater feeling than that which occurs when learning that he or she has succeeded in accomplishing a goal through hard work and dedication.

This sense of succeeding is often described as happiness. So, how does one succeed?

Although everyone's recipe for success is different, one certain ingredient must always be used—goal setting.

When setting goals, one must be cautious. Always make a goal in which you can enjoy while in the process of attaining it. Remember, do not make your goals too easy to reach. Also, be sure to grow through your goal setting experience—learn more about yourself as well as those around you.

I personally challenge each of you to set high goals for yourself, both short and long term.

Write these goals down and look at them often. Also, ask yourself each day, "What can I do today to get one step closer to accomplishing my goals?"